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Vol. 1, No. 10 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1976 — 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, ph. 60 0421 — 40 cents.

Gala match for Kastner tonight

The testimonial match for George Cross' long serving goalkeeper Lou Kastner (pictured) will be played at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m.

A George Cross team featuring star guest players will clash with a Hellas-Alexander combined team.

Proceeds will go to Kastner, in recognition of his 15 seasons with the Cross and his service to Victoria and Australia.

Guest players in the George Cross team will be **John Sanchez** (now coach of Waverley), **Archie Campbell** (coach of Mooroolbark), **Branko Buljevic, Frank Micic** (J.U.S.T.) **David Gorrie** (Juventus) **Paul Murphy**(Hellas).

The curtain-raised at 7 pm is between Victoria and Frankston City.

TRIPS TO EUROPE FOR STARS OF TWO CITIES

The stars of Sydney and Melbourne have big prizes to play for this season.

Yugoslav Airlines will provide a return trip to Europe for the best player in the NSW First Division and the Victorian State League.

The top goalscorer from the two States combined will receive a 54 'cm color television, from a sponsor to be announced soon.

And, for Melbourne only, there's a cash prize of $250 for the best goalkeeper, from Rothmans, which is sponsoring Victorian soccer to the tune of $20,000.

Votes for the Yugoslav Airlines trip will be cast on a 3-2-1 basis by "Soccer Action" every week.

Progress votes for Sydney, which has just completed its third round of matches, appear on page seven of this issue.

The Melbourne season kicks off on Saturday.

"Soccer Action" thanks Mr Mike Vidic and Yugoslav Airlines for providing airline tickets to Europe for the two winners.

The goalscoring award is unique in Australia, as it pits the leading marksmen of Sydney against those from Melbourne.

The color TV set will go to the player who scores more than any forward from the NSW First Division and the Victorian State League.

In case of a tie, we will also count goals scored in official Cup matches — Ampol Cup, Rothmans Cup, Dockerty Cup, State League Cup and Grand Final Series.

Our Rothmans goalkeeping award for Melbourne is also a first.

The $250 will go to the goalkeeper who has appeared most often in the "Soccer Action" team of the week, which is compiled according to the outstanding performances of each round.

NATIONAL COMP THREE SHORT

Three vacancies remain to be filled in the proposed national league — and the Australian Soccer Federation has extended the applications deadline to fill them.

The big question now is whether any of the Victorian clubs will change their minds and apply after all.

However, the ASF is adamant that the league will go ahead even with only the nine clubs that have applied.

The clubs are: Hakoah, St. George, Western Suburbs, Marconi and Sydney Olympic (Pan Hellenic) from Sydney; Lions and Brisbane City from Brisbane and Adelaide clubs Juventus and Hellas which are being referred to as Adelaide City and West Adelaide.

Apparently Pan Hellenic hopes for big sponsorship from Olympic Airlines, hence the name Sydney Olympic.

Wollongong City wants to join the league but has not yet been accepted because of doubt about the suitability of its ground and its financial stability.

Good news for Melbourne is that national league matches would probably be televised there even though there are no Victorian clubs in the league.

League organisers were planning early this week to meet the 0-10 network to discuss the televising of matches.

The organisers are confident that the network will go ahead as planned despite having lost Victorian involvement in the league.

Discussions with a major sponsor, possibly Rothmans, was expected to be completed early this week.

A league manager will probably be appointed at the ASF executive meeting on April 10.

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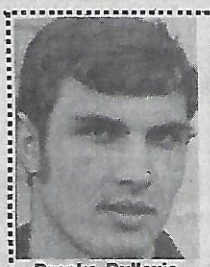

Branko Buljevic

Wants more caps

Branko Buljevic, 28, star Footscray JUST forward, wants to play for Victoria and Australia again.

Buljevic (pictured) who is out of work and looking for a job, was unavailable to play for Australia when the Russian team toured and played six matches last November.

Buljevic's last game for Australia was in the 2-2 draw with Benfica in Sydney on August 20 last year, when he scored Australia's two goals.

Buljevic told "Soccer Action": "I just didn't have the time to play against Russia.

"I was working as a toolmaker in a rubber factory and we were really busy. It was a very bad time as we were short staffed.

"I sent a letter to Sydney explaining that I wouldn't be able to play.

"These days I would love to play for Australia. I am fighting fit and as keen as I've ever been.

"I was not fit when Velez Mostar played in Melbourne and had not trained, so I thought it best not to play.

"I am certainly available for selection in future Victorian and Australian squads and would love to be picked."

Since he started playing, Buljevic has represented Australia about 23 times and Victoria about 25 times.

"I will play the rest of my soccer with Footscray J.U.S.T., " he said.

"I've had offers from other clubs, but it's not easy to go somewhere else as J.U.S.T. is a great club with tremendous boys." — Peter Sweeney.

Will Rale Rasic get the nod?

The coach of the Australian Capital Territory, Jim Shoulder, and Mike Laing, former coach of Sydney club Western Suburbs, have applied for the vacant position of national soccer coach.

Other applicants apparently include **Richard Dinnis** and **Charley Mitten**, both of whom have been assoicated with Newcastle United as trainers.

The Australian Soccer Federation had received nine applications — five of them from overseas — by the weekend.

Former national coach **Rale Rasic**, who took Australia to the World Cup finals in 1974, had not yet applied.

Neither had former internationals, **John Warren** and **Manfred Schaefer** or Western Australian coaching director **Alan Vest** who are regarded as possible applicants.

Applications close on April 8 and a decision will be made by the ASF executive on April 10.

This gives State Federations no time to direct their delegates on which applicant to vote for at the meeting.

The ASF is keeping the applicants' names a secret.

However it is known that Jim Shoulder and Mike Laing have applied.

Shoulder played for Sunderland in England and was brought to Australia by Rothmans director of coaching, Eric Worthington.

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Our tips for Saturday

1. ASTON VILLA	LIVERPOOL	1
2. BURNLEY	BIRMINGHAM	1
3. EVERTON	ARSENAL	1
4. IPSWICH	MAN. UTD.	X
5. LEICESTER	NORWICH	X
6. MAN. CITY	DERBY	X
7. Q.P.R.	MIDDELSBRO'	2
8. SHEFF. UTD.	WEST HAM	X
9. STOKE	COVENTRY	X
10. TOTTENHAM	LEEDS	2
11. WOLVES	NEWCASTLE	1
12. BRISTOL C.	CHELSEA	1
13. CARLISLE	BRISTOL R.	1
14. FULHAM	HULL	1
15. LUTON	NOTTS.C.	X
16. NOTT'M FOR.	OXFORD UTD.	2
17. OLDHAM	PORTSMOUTH	2
18. ORIENT	BOLTON	1
19. SOUTH'PTON	BLACKPOOL	1
20. SUNDERLAND	BLACKBURN	X
21. YORK	PLYMOUTH	X
22. BRIGHTON	PORT VALE	1
23. BURY	ROTHERHAM	2
24. CRYSTAL P.	CARDIFF	1
25. GRIMSBY	CHESTER	X
26. HALIFAX	COLCHESTER	2
27. HEREFORD	MILLWALL	1
28. MANSFIELD	ALDERSHOT	X
29. PETERBORO'	CHESTERF'LD	1
30. PRESTON	GILLINGHAM	1
31. SWINDON	SHREWSBURY	1
32. WREXHAM	SHEFF. WED.	2
33. BARNSLEY	BRENTFORD	X
34. BRADFORD C.	NORTH'PTON	1
35. DARLINGTON	TRANMERE	1
36. DONCASTER	BOURNEM'TH	X
37. EXETER	WORK'GTON	2
38. HARTLEPOOL	WATFORD	X
39. HUDDERSF'LD	SCUNTHORPE	1
40. NEWPORT	ROCHDALE	X
41. READING	LINCOLN	2
42. SWANSEA	SOUTHPORT	X
43. AYR UTD.	ABERDEEN	1
44. DUNDEE UTD.	CELTIC	X
45. HEARTS	MOTH'WELL	X
46. RANGERS	DUNDEE	1
47. ST. JOHNS'NE	HIBERNIAN	1
48. ARBROATH	STRANRAER	X
49. ARBROATH	ALMON R.	2
50. CLYDE	Q. OF SOUTH	X
51. DUMBARTON	STENH'SEM'R	X
52. FALKIRK	KILMARNOCK	2
53. HAMILTON	DUNF'MLINE	X
54. MORTON	STIRLING A.	1
55. PARTICK	ST. MIRREN	1

Players of the Week

Peter Ollerton (left) of Hellas and Serge Beredini (right) of Cumberland Cup winner Box Hill, are our players of the week.

Each gets a dinner for two at the North Steak House, 355 North Road, South Caulfield (58-

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AUSTRALIAN AMPOL OWNED

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Q.P.R.	38	14	4	0	34	10	7	7	6	23	17	53
Liverpool	37	12	5	2	35	18	7	8	3	19	9	51
Man. Utd.	36	14	4	0	36	11	6	6	6	26	24	50
Derby Cnty	37	15	2	2	42	25	5	8	5	21	21	50
Leeds Utd.	37	12	3	4	35	17	8	5	5	27	23	48
Tottenham	38	5	9	4	29	28	8	5	7	29	28	40
Man. City	35	12	5	1	39	11	2	6	9	15	20	39
Leicester	37	7	8	3	25	22	4	9	6	17	24	39
Middlesbro	37	8	7	4	20	10	6	3	9	19	25	38
Ipswich	36	8	6	3	25	16	4	8	7	16	21	38
Stoke	36	7	5	6	24	21	6	6	6	18	19	37
Norwich	37	9	5	6	30	24	4	4	9	22	31	35
West Ham	38	10	4	6	24	21	3	5	10	20	39	35
Newcastle	36	9	4	5	45	24	3	5	10	17	30	33
Arsenal	37	10	4	5	30	16	2	5	11	12	29	33
Everton	36	7	6	4	30	22	4	5	10	19	39	33
Coventry	37	5	8	6	18	20	5	5	8	20	30	33
Aston Villa	37	9	7	2	29	16	0	7	12	16	39	32
Birmingham	36	9	5	5	30	25	2	1	14	20	42	28
Wolves	37	5	6	7	20	22	3	4	12	22	38	26
Burnley	38	5	6	7	21	22	2	4	14	19	40	24
Sheffield Untd	37	2	6	10	14	29	1	3	15	13	47	15

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol City	38	10	6	2	30	10	8	7	5	25	21	49
Sunderland	37	16	2	0	41	9	4	6	9	15	24	48
W.B.A.	37	8	9	2	24	11	9	3	6	19	19	46
Bolton	36	10	5	3	28	11	7	6	5	23	22	45
Notts Cnty	36	9	5	4	27	13	7	3	8	22	24	40
Luton	37	11	5	2	31	13	5	3	11	18	33	40
Southmptn	35	14	2	1	40	12	2	5	11	16	31	39
NottmFor	37	10	1	7	26	18	4	10	5	21	20	39
Charlton	36	10	4	4	37	28	4	6	8	17	32	38
Blackpool	37	7	9	3	23	21	5	4	9	12	20	37
Fulham	36	9	5	4	25	12	4	5	9	17	26	36
Chelsea	36	7	7	4	23	16	5	4	9	23	29	35
Plymouth	38	12	4	4	35	20	0	7	11	11	29	35
Hull	37	8	5	6	25	19	5	4	9	15	24	35
Oldham	37	10	7	1	30	19	2	4	13	20	37	35
Bristol R.	36	6	8	5	18	15	4	7	6	14	22	35
Orient	36	9	4	5	19	11	2	8	8	13	23	34
Blackburn	37	6	6	7	22	22	4	7	7	17	23	33
Carlisle	37	7	7	4	23	20	3	5	11	15	34	32
Oxford	37	6	7	6	21	22	4	4	10	14	26	31
Portsmith	36	3	5	10	11	19	5	1	12	15	30	22
York	37	7	1	10	22	30	1	5	13	9	32	22

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hereford	39	11	5	3	36	20	11	4	5	37	26	53
Brighton	40	17	1	2	53	13	4	5	11	17	32	48
Crystal Pal.	39	7	9	3	29	18	10	5	5	28	22	48
Millwall	41	14	5	1	30	13	3	9	9	17	29	46
Cardiff	40	12	6	2	35	13	6	5	9	29	35	47
Walsall	41	11	7	3	43	21	6	5	9	25	32	46
Wrexham	39	12	5	3	33	16	5	5	9	20	27	44
Shewsbury	39	12	1	6	31	22	5	8	7	22	25	43
Peterboro	40	11	6	3	34	20	3	9	8	24	36	43
Preston	39	13	3	4	38	23	4	5	10	15	28	42
Gillingham	40	10	8	2	33	19	2	10	8	18	34	42
Port Vale	40	9	8	3	27	17	4	6	10	20	26	40
Bury	38	9	6	3	27	13	3	7	10	18	29	37
Mansfield	40	6	10	4	27	22	6	3	11	22	27	37
Rotherham	40	10	4	6	30	20	3	6	11	16	36	36
Chester	38	11	6	2	29	14	2	4	13	9	38	36
Chesterfld	40	9	5	6	38	24	5	2	13	22	38	35
Aldershot	40	10	7	3	33	21	2	4	14	22	47	35
Grimsby	40	11	7	2	35	19	1	3	16	17	46	34
Halifax	39	6	4	10	20	27	5	6	8	16	24	32
Southend	38	8	5	7	35	28	2	5	11	18	34	30
Sheffld Wed	38	8	6	5	29	24	0	8	11	13	27	30
Swindon	39	9	3	7	32	26	3	3	14	17	43	30
Colchester	39	8	5	7	21	23	2	5	12	14	37	30

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincoln	38	18	2	0	62	14	9	5	4	32	20	61
Northmpton	40	15	4	0	47	15	10	4	7	22	18	58
Reading	40	17	2	1	37	7	4	8	8	24	36	52
Tranmere	40	16	2	1	51	10	5	7	9	26	37	51
Huddersfld	39	10	4	5	25	14	9	7	4	26	21	49
Doncaster	41	10	5	6	41	29	9	4	7	32	31	47
Bournemth	39	14	3	2	37	14	5	5	10	16	28	46
Exeter	40	11	7	2	30	10	5	6	9	18	24	45
Watford	40	14	3	3	33	17	5	2	13	20	40	43
Torquay	40	11	4	5	27	21	6	5	9	22	37	43
Swansea	38	13	5	1	45	17	2	5	12	12	31	40
Crewe	40	9	6	5	32	19	3	8	9	19	27	38
Barnsley	40	11	7	2	31	14	1	7	12	11	30	38
Cambridge	41	6	9	5	30	25	6	4	11	20	33	37
Rochdale	40	6	10	4	24	20	5	5	10	11	25	37
Hartlepool	40	8	6	6	34	26	5	4	11	21	39	36
Stockport	40	8	7	6	23	18	4	5	10	17	43	36
Brentford	39	10	6	4	31	17	2	4	13	16	37	34
Bradford	37	7	7	5	26	21	2	8	8	22	31	33
Newport	39	8	5	7	31	28	4	2	13	20	47	31
Scunthorpe	40	9	2	9	27	33	2	6	12	13	29	30
Darlington	39	8	6	5	21	13	3	2	15	17	39	30
Southport	40	4	5	11	22	30	1	4	15	12	41	19
Workingtn	40	5	3	12	18	33	0	3	17	6	41	16

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	29	10	3	2	33	15	10	1	3	29	15	44
Rangers	29	12	1	1	31	10	7	4	4	21	12	43
Hibernian	30	11	2	3	33	15	4	4	6	15	22	36
Motherwell	29	10	3	3	26	17	4	4	5	24	23	35
Aberdeen	30	7	4	4	24	16	3	3	9	20	27	27
Hearts	29	5	5	5	20	18	4	3	7	12	23	26
Ayr	29	4	2	3	22	16	3	2	11	14	32	26
Dundee Utd	29	6	3	5	20	17	3	4	8	18	25	25
Dundee	30	6	4	5	27	24	3	3	9	16	31	25
St Johnstone	30	2	2	10	16	31	0	1	15	10	42	7

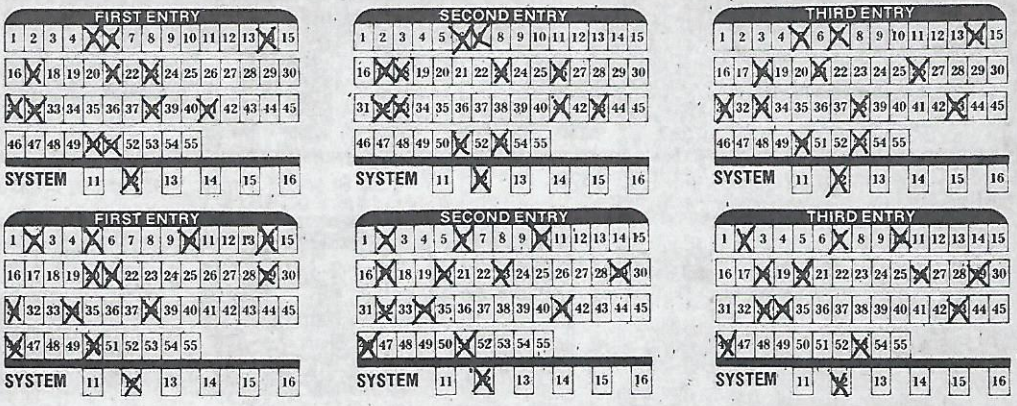
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Partick	26	10	2	1	26	7	7	5	1	21	12	41
Kilmarnck	26	11	1	1	28	10	5	2	6	16	19	35
Montrose	26	9	3	1	28	18	3	3	7	25	25	30
Dumbarton	26	8	2	3	30	22	4	2	7	23	24	28
Arbroath	26	8	1	4	23	14	3	3	7	18	25	26
ST. Mirren	26	6	5	2	22	14	3	3	7	15	23	26
Airdrie	26	5	5	3	25	22	2	6	5	19	19	25
Falkirk	26	6	4	3	18	12	4	1	8	22	23	25
Hamilton	26	5	4	4	18	15	2	6	5	19	22	24
Queen O' Sth	26	6	4	3	26	26	3	2	8	15	21	24
Morton	26	4	5	4	16	17	3	4	6	16	23	23
East Fife	26	6	4	3	25	24	2	3	8	14	29	23
Dunfrmline	26	4	5	3	18	22	1	5	7	12	29	20
Clyde	26	3	2	8	20	23	2	2	9	14	29	14

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Raith	26	8	5	1	21	15	9	4	0	24	8	40
Clydebank	25	9	3	1	25	8	8	2	2	19	5	39
Alloa	25	6	4	2	22	13	8	2	3	22	15	34
Queens Prk	26	8	2	3	24	14	2	7	4	17	19	29
Cowdenbth	25	6	4	2	24	14	4	3	6	18	28	27
Stirling A.	24	6	3	4	26	15	3	4	4	12	14	25
E. Stirling	26	5	5	3	17	14	3	3	7	16	19	24
Stenhsmuir	26	6	1	6	20	20	3	4	6	19	24	23
Albion R.	25	4	5	3	19	15	2	5	6	12	23	22
Stranraer	24	5	1	6	24	19	4	2	6	20	24	21
Berwick	25	3	3	7	14	24	4	2	6	19	19	19
Forfar	26	3	6	4	16	18	1	4	8	12	30	18
Meadowbnk	26	4	3	6	14	23	1	3	9	10	30	16
Brechin	23	3	2	6	14	21	2	3	7	13	22	15

$$$ THE POOLS $$$



THE NUMBERS GAME

with KNUT WERNER

This week I have taken four lots of six numbers and combined them to give us six entries of system 12. The cost this week is $9.

We have 2970 chances of coming up with eight score draws. We have to be in there sooner or later. Better sooner, what?

Woman's Intuition with MARILYN

This week's letter was sent in by Mr Eric Kalnins, of Prahan.

Such a letter you could never believe. I wish I could publish it word for word, but the editor says: "After only nine issues, we're not taking the risk."

GO GIRLS!

The 1976 lightning premiership season for women soccer players kicked off last Sunday at 10 a.m.

Remember girls — players in your sides must be registered within a week.

Fees this year are $3.50.

The VWSA will send out forms and information for the dribblathon to be held later this year.

Last week

The numbers representing the score draws last weekend were: 14, 15, 23, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 34, 45.

The no score numbers were: 13, 16, 35, 39.

By the way . . . er . . . thanks for the invitation, Eric, but no thanks.

I can't disclose where Mr Kanins got these numbers from. Don't blame me, it's not my fault.

Here they are: 2- 3- 8- 12- 14- 23- 40- 48- 53- 55. Maybe I can sell it to "Truth."

Ladies, are you going to let this happen every week?

I have another letter from a male. By no means do I want the men to stop writing, but . . .

Are you so dominated that you're frightened to write?

If so, grab a pen and paper, sit in the loo, write the letter put it down your bra, run into the bedroom and place it in your hand bag and post it when hubby goes to work.

If you don't want us to know where it's been, sign it Anonymous.

But then there's still a problem, I can't send you the chocolates. Well, that's the gamble.

I have this 5 x 2 (approx.) column every week.

I reserve if for the females of the soccer world. You can have a grumble, a whinge, a laugh, or criticise anything and anybody.

There's so much to be said about the way soccer is run in this country, and the females' solution.

So take this opportunity to voice yourselves.

Write to Marilyn "Soccer Action", 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne. 3000.

Best bets

By PETER SWEENEY

IPSWICH v. MAN. UTD. This game will definitely finish in a draw. Both sides' records point to them not being separated at the finish. Manchester United is four positions higher on the table but this is of no importance. Ipswich is an extremely hard nut to crack at home, as the star-studded Manchester outfit will find out.

LEICESTER v. NORWICH. Both sides have been a little disappointing this season. This game will mean a great deal to both, but neither has the class to win.

MAN. CITY v DERBY. Two of the most highly powered machines in soccer clash in a mightly match. Derby will be out to put on a first class exhibition in this match, after being eliminated from the F.A. finals by Manchester United last weekend.

SHEFF. UTD. v WEST HAM. Bottom side Sheffield United will stay at home to middle-placed West Ham. Sheffield United may have poor home form but West Ham's away record is no better, and because of this it seems certain to be a draw.

STOKE v COVENTRY. Coventry, a good draw side, travels to Stoke, which has been far from impressive at home. Both sides will be out to score a win, but neither has the ability or form on the board to do it.

LUTON v NOTTS C. These sides just can't be split - no matter how hard one tries. They are matched in all facets and this is fully borne out by their positions on the ladder - fifth and sixth respectively.

SUNDERLAND v BLACKBURN. Sunderland can't possibly be beaten but can be held by Blackburn, a draw specialist. Blackburn will rise to the occasion and level with one of the second division's most powerful clubs.

YORK v PLYMOUTH. It's a York home game and that's the only reason Plymouth won't win. York's away performances are woeful but it's a different proposition at home. Plymouth hasn't the touch to win away from home but will draw the match.

GRIMSBY v CHESTER. Lowly placed Grimsby stays at home to Chester: a team that leaves plenty to be desired when not playing on its home ground. Grimsby has quite a good record when in front of its own crowd, so the game points to be a drawn result.

MANSFIELD v ALDERSHOT. These two sides are another pair that is evenly bracketed and only a guess could split them. A draw is inevitable. Neither side has lived up to earlier expectations.

BARNSLEY v BRENTFORD. The two sell down the list fourth division sides will be eager to dispose of each other in this grudge game. But it seems unlikely that either will be able to down the other.

The stars

For those who trust the stars, here are your lucky numbers, chosen by our astrologer.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18) 1, 8, 11, 13, 14, 27, 28, 31, 34, 37, 49.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20) 1, 4, 11, 13, 15, 19, 28, 31, 34, 36, 49.

ARIES (Mar 21-April 19) 3, 6, 7, 17, 18, 27, 28, 31, 34, 37, 50.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) 5, 10, 12, 19, 20, 26, 29, 33, 37, 49, 53.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) 9, 12, 17, 19, 29, 33, 36, 39, 45, 47, 55.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) 5, 7, 18, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 39, 49, 51.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 48, 49, 55.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22) 2, 7, 10, 12, 13, 26, 27, 30, 33, 36, 48.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22) 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 33, 39, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21) 3, 5, 9, 11, 19, 26, 29, 39, 49, 50, 55.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21) 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 23, 29, 35, 38, 44, 46.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) 4, 5, 8, 13, 19, 27, 29, 30, 40, 45, 49.

POOLS TO PAY?

Soccerpools may sponsor the inter - city cup series to be played at the end of the season.

The series will be contested by the top three teams from Sydney, the top three from Melbourne and the top two from Adelaide.

The clubs are seeking sponsorship to cover most of the air fares.

The Australian Soccerpools company has been approached, and is believed to be interested.

However, it will not commit itself until the ASF gives the competition its official sanction.

The first round of the series will be seeded so that teams from the same State do not play against each other.

Only 5 turn up

The Victorian Director of Coaching, Ron Smith, held a special coaching clinic at Monash University last Sunday.

Coaches of 48 Metropolitan League Clubs and 12 State League teams were invited to attend the clinic — with a grand total of five coaches turning up.

Lectures on fitness and training programmes were the main aspect of the course.

One Metropolitan League club represented was Coburg, with coach Bob Malcolm attending.

A day earlier Malcolm led his team to a 4-1 win over Hamlyn Rangers in their annual trophy game.

League three short

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The ASF already holds applications for the position. The federation is particularly impressed by one applicant from NSW and he is likely to get the job.

It is expected that the national league manager will take part in negotiations for extra sponsorship to cover the high costs involved in running a national league.

Air fares alone would be more than $100,000 for the season.

If Rothmans or another large company backs the league with big money, the league would probably be named after the company.

Clubs are seeking their own sponsorship, but it is unlikely that any would adopt company names for less than about $75,000 a year.

Rasic best suited

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Laing, now coaching in England, was boss of Western Suburbs two years ago.

It was Laing who brought to Australia striker **Terry Smith**, now playing for Hakoah Sydney, and **Ian Moores**, who later returned to England and now plays for Stoke City.

Rale Rasic has repeated that he is interested in once again becoming national coach and he will lodge his application soon.

Rasic is obviously best suited to the position, as he held it for four years, from 1970 to 1974, and took Australia to the World Cup finals.

He is an authority on local players and local conditions.

Rasic will almost certainly get the votes of the NSW delegates, who believe it would be unwise to appoint someone from overseas at this stage.

NSW feels that an import would need at least three months to settle in, whereas Australia has matches scheduled for as early as next month, against Sunderland and Tottenham Hotspur, and in June against Bologna.

An overseas tour is planned for the national squad in November and Australia's World Cup elimination matches are only 12 months away.

Brian Green, who was appointed national coach last November, quit two weeks ago and returned to England.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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BOLOGNA TOUR IS ON

The Victorian Soccer Federation's tours organiser, Mr Michael Weinstein, said that Italian First Division team Bologna will visit Australia despite attempts to abort the tour.

Mr Weinstein says he has received confirmation from Italy that Bologna will arrive in Australia in June.

"There has been interference in the affairs of the VSF tours committee by people who have no right to interfere."

Mr Weinstein will not name those who have allegedly been interfering, nor will he say what form the interference has taken.

He says: Bologna will be here despite the efforts of people trying to abort the tour.

However, he says: "The whole matter of tours will be brought out into the open at the half-yearly VSF meeting in August."

Bologna will play against Victoria in Melbourne on Sunday, June 16; against Australia in Adelaide on Wednesday, June 19; against NSW in Sydney on June 23 and probably against Western Australia in Perth on Wednesday, June 26.

Bologna's match fee is about $20,000.

It is expected that Bologna will draw almost as many people as AS Roma which attracted 35,861 people to Olympic Park in 1966.

The only soccer match that attracted more people in Melbourne was the 1956 Olympic Games final between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, watched by 102,000 people at the MCG

Weinstein hits at saboteurs

Goalkeeper Cudiccini, who later played for Inter Milan, stands alone among thousands of spectators at Olympic Park, after they had jumped the fence around the track to watch the AS Roma v. Victoria match from the touchlines.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH SYDNEY?

What's gone wrong with Sydney soccer? The big social clubs are million - dollar businesses and they're outlaying something like $100,000 on soccer, yet the crowds get smaller and smaller.

The Ampol Cup final between Hakoah and Western Suburbs drew a measly 3000 people, whereas the semi-finals in Melbourne drew 9000.

Yet Sydney has the better players. Isn't the national squad made up mainly of Sydney-ites?

RALE RASIC

Our teams are getting stronger all the time.

Hakoah has imported **Bertie Lutton**, who was used as a substitute for **George Best** in the Irish national team; **John Stevenson**, a former Scottish under 23 international; **Graham Honeyman** from the Scottish First Dvision, plus **Todd Clarke** from Adelaide and **Les Hucker** from Auburn.

APIA has **Roy McCormack** from Scotland and I understand it is expecting **Roger Hoy** from Crystal Palace.

Western Suburbs has bought **Dave Harding** for $8500.

St George has imported **Gray** and **Aitken** and is awaiting the arrival of two top-class Argentinians.

Yet still the grounds are empty.

You might say the reason is poor spectator facilities.

Yet APIA spent big money building a 2000-seat stand at Lambert Park and has failed to attract more spectators.

The Sydney clubs employ full-time coaches — or managers in the case of those who won't put on a track suit and do the actual coaching.

The players are getting good money and some of the teams, like St George, Hakoah and Western Suburbs, are playing extremely entertaining soccer.

However, the crowds continue to dwindle.

Perhaps we should ask whether club administration is adequate enough in NSW

Perhaps we should be working harder on public relations and publicity.

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Argentina down in Germany

WEST BERLIN — West Germany First Division club Hertha BSC Berlin beat Argentina 2-1 (half time 1-1) in a friendly soccer match last week.

Diefenbach and **Hermandung** scored **Hertha's** goals. **Luque** scored for Argentina. — **AAP-Reuter.**

And now for the State League!

Preston-Makedonia, the most well-supported club to gain promotion to the Victorian State League in many years starts its bid for glory when the season kicks off at the weekend.

Pictured is the Makedonia team that last year won the First Division championships, the Federation Cup and the Cumberland Cup.

Standing, from left: Steve Trajkovski, Cele Presilski, Jim Blacker, Victor Ristoviches, Jim Green, Albert Harrison, Jim McCracken, Bill McInytre, Victor Donis. Front: Tom Fox, Vlade Kotevski, Geoff Grannon, Stewart Gilmour, Arnold Peet.

See state league preview page 4.

GTV9 GETS A YEAR'S OPTION FROM VSF

Melbourne station GTV9 has been given an option on State League television for next year.

This means GTV9 will have first choice on any proposal put by the Victorian Soccer Federation

It does not dispel the possibility of ATV0 taking over from GTV9 next year.

The VSF and ATV0 had discussions before Channel Nine stepped in for another year.

This is the last year of GTV9's three-year contract with the Federation

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HELLAS AFTER BLOOD!

And Makedonians seek early win

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Hellas will look for revenge when it clashes with Hakoah at Middle Park on Sunday, in the opening round of the 1976 State League season.

Hakoah beat Hellas 1-0 with a 40th-minute goal by **Bruce Roberts** in the fourth round of the Ampol Cup.

There was little love lost between the teams in that game.

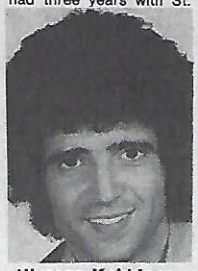
Hakoah goalkeeper **Mike O'Hara** copped the worst of it.

Jim Armstrong had a go at him and Peter Ollerton kicked him in the backside.

Hakoah frustrated the Hellas attack by playing tight in defence and coming forward in breakaways.

Hellas didn't like it at all and it will go for blood on Sunday.

Hakoah will probably use its new Scottish forward **John Fraser**, who had three years with St. Johnstone, but we doubt he'll give Hakoah enough striking power to down mighty Hellas.



Ulysses Kokkinos

JUVENTUS v. M'BARK

Juventus' German recruit, Uli Pfisterer will make his debut against Mooroolbark at Olympic Park on Saturday night at 8.30 p.m.

The game was scheduled for Sunday, but Olympic Park is unavailable due to athletics.

Pfisterer, a member of Germany's Olympic squad, will probably play centre back, pushing **Frank Barbieri** to left back.

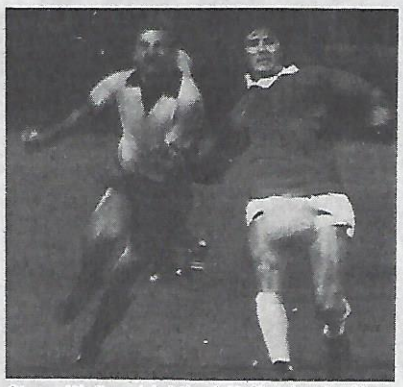
Billy Vojtek should be back in action after a lay-off due to an ankle unjury, and he'll team up in attack with Greek idol Ulysses Kokkinos.

With these two talented ball players on either side of him, **John Lucchesi** should have a good year.

Mooroolbark will be without midfielder Dave Rigby and goalkeeper Terry Hawke who are both seeking transfers.

However, the Barkers have a solid defence due to the strength of **Mike Plunkett, Peter Vaughan, Derek Bailey** and **Ian Williamson.**

Big, fearsome striker **Graham French**, supported by **Mike Clarey**, can make a mess of any rearguard, but overall, Juventus is the better team.



Steve Walker (right) of Hellas beats Alexander's George Gillan

TV MATCHES

The State League matches to be televised by GTV9 for the next four Saturdays are:
April 10: Sunshine v. George Cross-Courage
April 17: JUST v. Juventus
April 24: Alexander v. Polonia
May 1: Hellas v. Ringwood City.

MAKEDONIA v. POLONIA

Preston-Makedonia has been negotiating with young Yugal - Prague player Ljube Petrevski. If Makedonia signs him, he will probably play against Polonia at Collier Street, Preston on Sunday.

Coach **Kito Grozdanov** will also use English import **Stephen Beech**, 23, who has been showing good form in practice games. The other import, **Geoff Daniels**, 22, will probably be on the bench.

Jim Pirzas, bought from Hellas, will be left back in place of Albert Harrison who retired after the Ampol Cup game against Footscray JUST.

Makedonia seems to have given up hope of signing **Mike Micevski** from Marconi-Fairfield.

Micevski has had talks with the club but no agreement has been reached.

Makedonia has improved its ground by installing a players' race, a wire fence, banking and referees' accommodation. The club used voluntary labor and spent about $2500.

There was talk last week that Makedonia may approach Hellas' transfer-listed striker or midfielder **Paul Murphy.**

Sunday's match will be a vital one for both Makedonia and Polonia.

Makedonia wants to start with a win to please its many fans and to attract even more Makedonians to its matches.

Polonia is dertermined to prove that it is not the No 1 relegation candidate, as so many people seem to think.

Coach Eugene Lerch, one of the stars of the Ampol Cup, should be back in midfield after injury, to provide vital leadership.

Uli Pfisterer

Stan Klain has been a success at right back since switching from Keilor City, and new centre backs **Richard Dziedzic** and **Marian Jaworski** are doing their job well.

Polonia's big problem is still the attack.

Joe Herman should spend more time in the centre where his height and strength are undoubted advantages.

Wally Klain should spend more time playing wide, so he has the space in which to use his ball skill.

Polonia player-coach Eugene Lerch

ALEXANDER v. SLAVIA

Alexander has been plagued by injuries but should still be good enough to beat Slavia at Fitzroy Cricket Ground on Sunday.

Vince Bannon and **Keith Webster** both missed the Ampol Cup match against Hellas but should be back in this week.

However, striker **Gary Cole** is likely to remain on the sidelines with his injured ankle.

It remains to be seen whether a forward line without Cole can break through the mighty Slavia rearguard, which features **Jim O'Reilly** and **Jim Tansey** doing a tandem between defence and midfield.

Slavia will be much stronger in attack if **John Cain** has recovered from the injury that has kept him out for so long.

SUNSHINE v. GC-COURAGE

Sunshine is likely to use its Scottish import John Bernard for the first time in the televised match against George Cross-Courage at Anderson Road, Sunshine, on Saturday.

His inclusion may force **Frank Mussel** to centre back, where he has shown his ability, and **Chris Petrov** back to his original position at left back.

Bernard, who has experience and ball skill, should be able to give the forwards some good service.

Sunshine may also have **Ray Pocock** back in the team. He was in injured in the Ampol Cup game against Ringwood Wilhelmina and has been out for about eight weeks.

George Cross has been strengthened by the return of **Kevin Walker**, who makes a world of difference to the attack.

Norm Maitland is particularly sound in defence and **Kire Veljanovski** is showing more flair and vigor than he has for a long, long time.

However, Sunshine is the more enthusiastic, hard-running side, and should win.

Mike O'Hara

RINGWOOD v. JUST

Ringwood Wilhelmina may have improved drastica„y in the Ampol Cup, but it has nowhere near enough talent to topple Fottscray JUST at Jubilee Park, Ringwood, on Sunday.

Ringwood has only one forward who can penetrate a defence — Phil Williamson. Mike Lynn is a good opportunist but **Jim Kondarios** and company won't allow such opportunities to be created.

On the other hand, JUST has brilliant front runners in **Mendo Ristoviski, Branko Buljevic** and **Joe Palinkas.** It is this trio that will win the match.

Graham French (Mooroolbark)

Likely teams

HELLAS
1. Kennedy
2. Pye
3. Batticciotto
4. Xanthopoulos
5. Walker
6. Kalafatides
7. Cummings
8. Bourne
9. Mackay
10. Ollerton
11. Armstrong

HAKOAH
1. O'Hara
2. Hammond
3. Durand
4. Jordanou
5. Baker
6. Dosen
7. Fraser
8. Gadsby
9. Nechvoglod
10. Lukic
11. Blair

JUVENTUS
1. Terzini
2. Bonfieni
3. Barbieri
4. Pfisterer
5. Della Rocca
6. Sabidussi
7. C. Lucchesi
8. Marshall
9. Vojtek
10. J. Lucchesi
11. Kokkinos

MOOROOLBARK
1. Ivanoff
2. D. Bailey
3. Williamson
4. Vaughan
5. Plunkett
6. Sinclair
7. A.Pongho
8. S. Pongho
9. French
10. Thom
11. Clarey

MAKEDONIA
1. Laumets
2. Trajkovski
3. Pirzas
4. McIntyre
5. McCracken
6. Presilski
7. Jones
8. Fox
9. Campbell
10. Gilmour
11. Beech

POLONIA
1. Szalinski
2. S. Klain
3. Dziedzic
4. Jaworski
5. Klimecki
6. Nierobicz
7. Lerch
8. Kupicz
9. W. Klain
10. Herman
11. Esposito

ANEXANDER
1. Reilly
2. V. Bannon
3. Stogiannou
4. P. Bannon
5. Nelson
6. Webster
7. Thomson
8. Rellis
9. Nicolaides
10. Gibson
11. Gillan

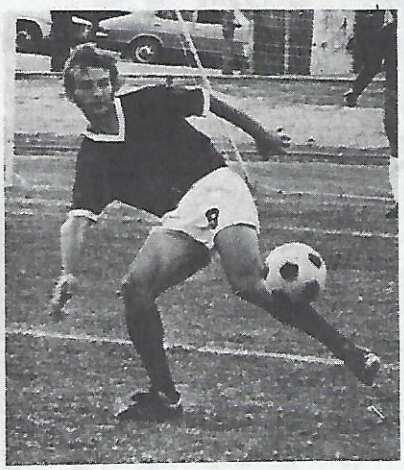
SLAVIA
1. Whiteside
2. J. Train
3. Tansey
4. O'Reilly
5. McCombe
6. Owens
7. McElhinney
8. Symington
9. Patten
10. Moore
11. McFarland

SUNSHINE
1. Johnson
2. Lewis
3. Petrov
4. Kokoska
5. Mussel
6. Bernard
7. Laing
8. McRobert
9. Pocock
10. McCarthy
11. Cumming

GC-COURAGE
1. Kastner
2. McConville
3. Kelly
4. Deeming
5. Maitland
6. Mifsud
7. Veljanovski
8. Smart
9. Walker
10. J. Webb
11. Hill

RINGWOOD CITY
1. van Egmond
30. Adams
17. Garthwaite
24. Ward
27. Bray
21. Holding
25. O'Callaghan
27. Smith
23. Williamson
26. Lynn
18. Brown

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
1. Boland
2. Parrott
3. Kazi
4. Kriaris
5. Kondarios
6. Ilioski
7. Palinkas
8. Micic
9. Picioane
10. Buljevic
11. Ristovski



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$100,000 FOR BIG LEAGUE

LATE NEWS

Rothmans may sponsor the proposed national league to the tune of $100,000.

A report received just as we went to Press indicates that negotiations for Rothmans' rich sponsorship will be finalised this week.

Rothmans has been sponsoring the New Zealand national league since it began.

National league games are expected to be televised nationally.

It is understood that this is a stipulation made by Rothmans to the ASF.

The 0-10 network is interested in televising the league, due to kick off next March.

The national league manager is expected to be former Marconi vice-president Eddie Marsanich, who has been working closely with the national league committee.

St George official Alex Pongrass, one of the prime movers behind the national league, was in Melbourne at the weekend.

He had secret talks with Victorian club officials.

The result of the talks are not known, but it is believed that if Rothmans announces its $100,000 sponsorship, some of the big Melbourne clubs may change their minds about staying out of the league.

Paddy Sloan

Paddy Sloan applies

Paddy Sloan, assistant coach of Hakoah Melbourne, has applied for the job of national coach.

Sloan, 55, played for Manchester United along with Charlie Mitten, who has also applied for the national coach's job.

Between the late 1930s and mid 1950s Sloan played for Manchester United, Milan and Udenesi in Italy, Norwich City and various non-league teams.

He represented Ireland five times and likes telling the story of how he represented Wales once, when one of the Welsh players failed to turn up at a game.

Sloan was on the coaching staff of Milan and Turin in Italy, Arsenal in England, Rabat in Malta and Nancy in France.

In Australia, he has coached South Melbourne Hellas, Juventus, Croatia, Slavia, St Albans, Triestina, Makedonia, Libertas and the George Cross reserves.

During his playing career in Europe a total of about $120,000 was paid for him in transfer fees — a massive amount at the time.

SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR OLLERTON!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

There can be little doubt that South Melbourne Hellas will win the 1976 State League championship, after its dashing play in the Ampol Cup final.

Coach **Brian Edgley** certainly has no doubts.

"I thought we were brilliant" he said after the final.

"We were fast, aggressive, accurate and we scored four goals. What more can you say?

"Our fast pace didn't suit J.U.S.T. at all.

"I'm proud of the boys. They've worked extremely hard for this."

Anything written about **Peter Ollerton's** performance is repetetive so late in the week. It's all been said.

Ollerton demoralised his opponent, **Jim Kondarios**, and scored three fine goals in the finest individual performance of the Ampol Cup.

Ollerton's final tally of seven Cup goal is the highest in many years and his hat-trick the only one in a Cup final in the past decade.

Recent top scorers in the Cup have been **Slobodan Zoraja** (J.U.S.T.) with four goals in 1972 **Steve Bleskany** (Melbourne) with three goals in '73, **Frank Micic** (J.U.S.T.), **Bleskany** and **Ulysses Kokkinos** (Alexander) with four goals each in 1974 and **Jim Armstrong** (Hellas) and **Frank Donachie** (Alexander) with five each in 1975.

Cup finals are Ollerton's specialty. He scored five goals in APIA's big win over Auburn in the Sydney Ampol Cup final in 1974.

He was Sydney's leading scorer two years running, so imagine how many he'll score in Melbourne this year!

But Hellas had other stars in its 4-1 victory over J.U.S.T.

Right back **Mike Pye** had possibly his finest match since switching from Ringwood Wilhelmina early last year. He and **Giovanni Batticciotto** on the other side were devastating in flank attacks.

Assistant State coach **Bobby McLachlan** has dubbed **Duncan Cummings** "The Ghost" because of his uncanny knack for plucking a dangerous ball out of an impossible situation.

His did this so often on Saturday night.

Young Chris Kalafatides took on livewire Mendo Ristouski and sliced the heart of JUST's attack.

Ristovski could find no way around Kalafatides and even when he did manage to cross, Kalafitides blocked the shot.

It didn't help much that Ristovski also had the flu.

In midfield, **Jimmy Mackay** played economically and accurately as he always does, and **Peter Bourne** caused his usual share of bother to the opponents' defence.

If there was one disappointing Hellas player, it was centre back Arthur Xanthopoulos.

He missed his tackles and passed badly, especially in the first half.

Perhaps it was inevitable that Xanthopoulos should have a bad game. He's had so many good ones, that he really couldn't keep it up.

On this performance, there is no State League team that can outdo Hellas in the race for the championship, which starts on Saturday.

J.U.S.T.'s midfield isn't strong enough and it won't be until it gets those two Yugoslav imports it has been angling for for so long.

Last year's champion, Alexander, has lost some of its sparkle and does not have what it takes to keep up with Hellas through those long 22 weeks.

J.U.S.T. had few outstanding players on Saturday.

Branko Buljevic, playing a lone hand in attack, was the best of them, followed by **Jim Kriaris** who tried hard to patch up the holes in defence, and **Joe Picioane** who ran his heart out in midfield, without really creating much danger to the Hellas rearguard.

Hellas scored as early as the 16th minute, when Ollerton outjumped Kondarios to head home Bourne's cross.

Zoraja, who was to be replaced by Frank Micic at half time, was injured in a clash in the 21st minute. He limped badly at first but continued playing.

J.U.S.T. flashed into the play when Kondarios stormed down the middle and put a flying header just over the bar, from a ball by Buljevic.

In the 24th minute, Zoraja beat three men on the left wing, and crossed the ball out of **John Kennedy's** reach. There was Buljevic at the far post, to side-step a defender and side-foot the ball coolly into the net.

Kondarios cleared twice from shots by Mackay and Ollerton and in the same sustained attack, Boland saved a good shot by Batticciotto.

Then Cummings found a little space on the right and speared a long, accurate ball to Ollerton who hooked it past Boland, who had come out too far.

Micic came on for Zoraja at half time and **Mike Ristic** replaced injured **Joe Palinkas** in the 63rd minute.

Seven minutes later came the turning point of the match.

A great shot by Buljevic hit the cross bar and the J.U.S.T. players began to lose heart. Would they ever score?

Hellas saw that J.U.S.T. was weakening, and went for the kill.

John Daperis appeared in the 81st minute to replace Mackay, who had a slight injury about which **Brian Edgley** was taking no risks.

Then came the goal that virtually ended the game.

Pye, irrepressible on the right, sent a good ball towards goal.

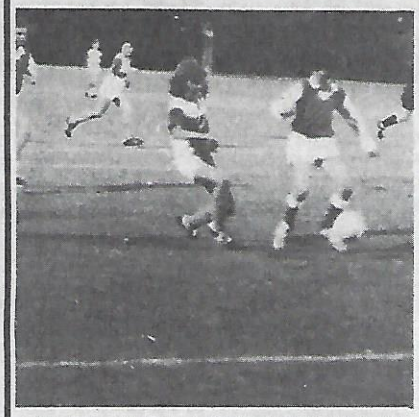
Boland punched it out and Ollerton slammed it back, into goal.

A minute later, Ollerton headed a Bourne corner towards goal. It would have been cleared had Armstrong not been there to back-heel it neatly into the net.

Ollerton beat Kondarios once agian with a long solo run shortly before the end, but his shot was tipped past the post by Boland.

J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Dennis Boland is beaten by Peter Ollerton's shot, which gives Hellas its third goal in the Ampol Cup final.

Tony the hero



Tony Tabone lines up to goal before scoring for Green Gully Ajax in the junior Ampol Cup final.

Ajax beat Nunawading 1-0 through Tabone's goal, in the curtain-raiser to the big match between Hellas and JUST.

The teams were:

AJAX: 1. Frangis, 2. Micaleff, 3. Grimaud, 4. Kremers, 5. Bissett, 6. Vella, 7. Mifsud, 8. Ramljak, 9. Beranic, 10. Vanaalts, 11. Tabone. Subs: 12. Farrugia, 13. Lekka, 14. Gambin.

NUNAWADING: 1. Walton, 2. Jenkins, 3. Guscis, 4. Mitchell, 5. Moyle, 6. Valentine, 7. Lovat, 8. Toole, 9. Burley, 10. Pahljina, 11. Henkel. Subs: 12. Leuridan, 13. Parrott, 14. Mosedale, 15. Turcinovic, 16. Tonkins.

DETAILS

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (Ollerton 16th, 44th, 84th, Armstrong 85th). FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Buljevic 24th).

Player ratings out of 10:

HELLAS: Kennedy 6, Pye 7, Xanthopoulos 5, Walke 6, Batticciotto 6, Kalafatides 7, Bourne 6, Mackay 7 (inj. sub Daperis 81st), Cummings 7, Ollerton 9, Armstrong 5.

JUST: Boland 5, Parrott 6, Kriaris 6, Kondarios 5, Kazi 5, Ilioski 5, Zoraja 5 (Micic half time, 5), Picioane 6, Palinkas 5 (inj. sub Ristic 63rd), Ristovski 5, Buljevic 7.

Crowd: About 9,000. Referee Jim Dixon.

Flashback to happy days for Rale Rasic (left), Sandy Irvine (centre) and Jimmy Mackay.

The three are sporting Mexican sombreros on their return from Australia's successful world tour of 1970.

Things are not so rosy now. Rasic faces the brunt of soccer politics in his attempt to be re-appointed national coach, Irvine is out of soccer altogether because of work and Mackay is having a dispute with Hellas over his contract.

Mackay will meet Hellas this week and if the dispute is not settled he may move to Essendon

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Drawn games likely

The fourth round of the Sydney Second Division will bring quite a few interesting games, with Arncliffe Scots meeting Bankstown on Saturday at their new home ground, Marrickville Oval.

Sundays main game is Toongabbie Yugal-Prague, at Girraween Park.

Both these games could easily end in a draw, as none of the four clubs can be called a clear-cut favorite.

Riverside- Avala meets its neighbor Guildford Wanderers at home and should account for them after a hard struggle.

Another local derby is Marrickville v. Canterbury at home at Mackey Park. The small ground might be an advantage for the home team.

Polonia meets Melita Eagles at home in Doonside and this might be the deciding factor in the result.

Finally, North Sydney is at home to Northern Districts and the clash between the two teams from north of the harbour should see the home team victorious after a dour struggle.

The third round of the competition brought some unexpected results, mainly the 3-1 victory of Northern Districts over favored Polonia (2nd grade 2:0 for Polonia, 3rd grade 2-2).

Melita-Eagles against Toongabbie was a quite unexpected 1:1 draw (2nd grade 5:0 for Toongabbie, 3rd grade Melita 3-1).

Also, the 2-2 draw between Canterbury and North Sydney was not expected (reserves 2:0 to Canterbury, 3rds North Sydney 4:0).

Bankstown won in all three grades as expected against Marrickville, 4:0, 2:1 and 3:2.

Guildford caused another surprise by beating the more favored Arncliffe Scots 4:3 after being 1:3 behind, but Guildford, noted for quick runs, came out winners, reserves 4:2 for Guildford, 3rd teams 1:1.

Riverside-Avala ran out winners against Yugal-Prague 1:0.

The goal was scored by **Jimmy Magill** in the 68th minute.

A lot of chances were missed by both teams, with Yugal-Prague the luckier.

It was played before a record crowd of 1300 spectators.

Takac was by far the best Yugal-Prague player. For Riverside-Avala, **Ahrens** made some spectacular saves.

In the field there were at least five outstanding players, including **Hogg**, an Australian international with 13 caps. **Porter, Scoric** and **Magill** are others to be mentioned. Reserves 1:1, 3rds 2:1 for Riverside-Avala.

STOWELL'S TEAM UNLUCKY

Pan-Hellenic and APIA staged a battle royal in their scoreless draw at Wentworth Park, with Pan Hellenic a trifle unlucky not to have come out on top.

The team was inspired by their skipper **Bruce Stowell** who constantly bobbed up to help set his side in motion.

Stowell himself broke through the middle in the 65th minute only to see his placement brilliantly retrieved by APIA goalkeeper **David McQuire** on the dive.

A goal to Stowell would have been a fitting tribute to his display on the day.

It was the combination of McQuire in goal and centre back **Col Bennett** that enabled Apia to weather a storm on a day in which they were minus their World Cup midfielder, **Jim Rooney,** due to injury, and former Scottish international **Willie Wallace,** serving the second day of a two-match suspension.

In the 35th minute Apia held out against a developing goal when fullback **Bob McGinn** cleared off the line from the masterful **Rodolfo Gnavi.**

Gnavi cut in a determined shot from the rebound only to be thwarted by McQuire's reflex save.

Four minutes, later **Don Allen's** brilliantly placed header from **Hector Martinez's** pass was covered again in splendid fashion by McQuire.

APIA's inability to break through the centre until late in the game was typified by the manner in which Richard Bell shaded Apia's big centre forward **Roy McCormack.**

The pair battled it out from shortly after the opening kick of the match but it was the dynamic youngster Bell who finally held sway.

Col Bennett

Alan Maher

Team of the Week

McQUIRE (APIA)

PERRY (Wests) — WILSON (Wests) — DEGNEY (Marconi) — MOWBRAY (Hakoah)

LINDSAY (Wests) — STOWELL (Pan Hellenic) — P. STONE (Wests)

WHALLEY (Croatia) — KEDDIE (Marconi) — STEPHENSON (Hakoah)

Leading scorers:
5. Abonyi (St. G), C Eaton (Wests).
4. Sullivan (C).
3. McCormack (APIA), Whalley (C), Morgan (St. G) Ainslie (Wests).
2. Honeyman (H), Deller (A, Izatt (PH), Jankovic (St. G), Keddie (M), Degney (M).

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WESTS v. ST.GEORGE
3. Perry (Wests)
2. Lindsay (Wests)
1. Wilson (Wests)

PAN HELLENIC v. APIA
3. Stowell (PH)
2. Bell (PH)
1. McQuire (APIA)

WESTS v. WOLLONGONG (Played Wednesday)
3. Lindsay (Wests)
2. C. Eaton (Wests)
1. Ainslie (Wests)

GRANVILLE v. AUBURN
3. Dobson (A)
2. O'Mayne (G)
1. Deller (A)

CROATIA v. SUTHERLAND
3. Whalley (C)
2. Davies (C)
1. I. Stone (C).

MARCONI v. MANLY
3. Degney (M)
2. Prskalo (M)
1. Keddie (M)

WOLLONGONG v. HAKOAH
3. Stephenson (H)
2. Campbell (W)
1. Mowbray (H)

PROGRESS VOTES:
1. Degney (C), Whalley (C)
5. Abonyi (St G), Muniz (Hak), Stowell (PH), Lindsay (Wests).
4. C. Eaton (Wests), Ainslie (Wests).
3. Bennett (Apia), Hoszowski (A), Sullivan (C), Izatt (PH), Utjesenovic (St G), Robertson (H), Doyle (Apia), Stephenson (H), Dobson (A), Perry (Wests), Bell (PH).

Return trip to Europe for the best player in the NSW First Division and Victorian State League.

Stars back to crush Granville

Granville will not be happy at the news, but APIA will have three top players back for their match at Garside Park on Saturday.

Skipper **Jimmy Rooney** and midfielders **Willie Wallace** and **Billy Rogers** will all be back on deck after injury and suspension to make Granville's life more difficult.

But it will be three of the five Sunday clashes which should produce some absorbing football.

Top of the table Wests playing improving Marconi in a game which should leave Wests' lead unassailable, Hakoah plays St George and South Sydney tackles Pan Hellenic.

Marconi acquisitions **Ivo Prskalo** and **Dave Keddie** and the return of **Ray Richards** and **Allan Maher** will all help strengthen the side.

But Wests are playing with enormous confidence which will be shaken only by a top class performance from Marconi, which has yet to click into gear.

Saints, having gone down to Wests last weekend, and Hakoah which as good as lost in drawing with Wollongong, both have some lost prestige at stage in their clash at Wentworth Park.

Hakoah hopes to have winger **Joe Watson** back in action after suspension while **Atti Abonyi** should return from injury to bolster Saints' striking power.

Souths and Pan Hellenic are both showing out well this season — Souths one of only four teams which remain unbeaten in the premiership.

In other matches on Sunday Manly faces Sutherland at Inman Park and Auburn plays Wollongong City at Mona Park — matches which give all four teams the chance to notch their first points of the season.

DETAILS

Marconi-Fairfield 4 (Keddie 2, Degney 2) d Manly 0. Attendance: 1800.

Wollongong City 0 drew Hakoah Eastern Suburbs 0. Attendance: 1220.

Granville 0 drew Auburn 0. Attendance: 452.

South Sydney-Croatia 3 (Whalley 2, Davies) d Sutherland 0. Attendance: 2257.

Western Suburbs 2 (C. Eaton, Morrow) d St George-Budapest 1 (Morgan). Attendance: 1242.

Pan Hellenic 0 drew APIA-Leichhardt 0. Attendance: 5052.

Western Suburbs 5 (C. Eaton 2, Ainslie 2, Lindsay) d Wollongong 1 (Bingham). — Played Wednesday.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Wests	3	3	0	10	2	6
APIA	3	2	1	8	0	5
Hakoah	3	2	1	5	4	5
Croatia	3	2	1	10	1	5
St George	3	2	0	13	3	4
Hellenic	3	1	1	4	3	3
Marconi	3	1	1	6	7	3
Auburn	3	0	2	1	3	2
Suth.	3	0	1	2	2	1
G'ville	3	0	1	2	0	1
W'gong	3	0	1	2	1	11
Manly	3	0	0	3	0	16

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Goals	Pts
R'side-Avala	2	2	0	0	6:0	4
Bankstown	2	2	0	0	6:1	4
Guildford	2	2	0	0	6:4	4
Toongabbie	3	1	2	0	9:5	4
Canterbury	3	1	2	0	9:8	4
Arncliffe Scots	3	1	0	2	12:10	2
Yugal-Prague	3	1	0	2	4:4	2
Polonia	3	1	0	2	8:10	2
Northern Dist.	3	1	0	2	4:11	2
Nth. Sydney	2	0	1	1	8:10	2
Melita Eagles	2	0	1	1	4:9	1
Marrickville	2	0	0	2	3:8	0

Jeff Whalley in striking debut

Two goals in four minutes by Jeff Whalley just before half time set South Sydney - Croatia on the road to a comfortable 3-0 victory over Sutherland.

Neither team showed much method or creative skill until Whalley, playing his first game as a striker, stepped into the picture.

After 37 minutes Whalley hammered the ball home from 12 metres when a shot by **Vernon Darvill** was only partially blocked.

Three minutes later Whalley converted a penalty awarded when Sutherland's giant goalkeeper **Malcolm Haynes** brought down **John Davies** when he appeared certain to score.

Although Sutherland tried to fight back in the second half their lack of midfield skills and control and the inneffectiveness of their forwards again let them down.

It is apparent that Sutherland are still missing the injured **John McDonald** who had a comeback run in the reserve grade.

However, their forward line, as in previous matches, is missing open chances although the South Sydney three fine saves.

Davies sealed the victory for South Sydney with a well-judged lob in the 80th minute after clever lead up work by Whalley.

The South Sydney team played well as a unit and still remain undefeated although one of the less glamorous sides in the competition.

Sutherland must now be starting to worry about their lowly position in the competition but more particularly about their inability to score oals, a problem that has plagued them since their entry into first division.

If South Sydney continue to play as they are now they will upset many of the more fancied teams before the season is over.

FIZZER DERBY

The local derby between neighbours Granville and Auburn fizzled out into a non-event at Garside Park.

Both teams played hit and miss football to provide a small crowd with one of the scrappiest games in ages, and it seemed fitting that it ended in a scoreless draw.

Granville did most of the attacking in the first half but were unable to produce a goal because of poor finishing.

On breakaways Auburn had the edge with shots by winger Brian Parker and striker Gary Quested bringing good saves from Granville goalkeeper Steve Watson.

Shortly after the break a brilliant save by Watson cut short what had seemed a certain goal by Quested.

With lanky Tim O'Maye prominent, Granville had a brief spell in the second half when they applied pressure.

But it was indicative of the game that winger Kevin Lackey missed a sitter from 10 metres in front of an empty net.

POP 101

"Pop Fox, who will be celebrating his 101th birthday next month kicked off the game at Garside Park between Granville and Auburn in 1st Division.

He has been a Granville supporter since early childhood, in fact since the

What a week for City!

It was quite a week for Wollongong City!

On Tuesday night they found themselves evicted from their training ground, Woonona Oval; on Wednesday they went down 1-5 to Wests in a deferred match; on Friday they found themselves omitted from the national league.

Then on Sunday they came bouncing back like an Indian-rubber ball to hold the strong Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs to a scoreless draw

Not that Wollongong was brilliant. It just absorbed so much that Hakoah found the frustration too much to bear.

With **John Stephenson** leading the charge, Hakoah pounded away, and it seemed only a matter of time before the visitors would score after both Stephenson and **Murray Barnes** had struck the woodwork.

But the Wollongong defence held firm, enabling its side to gradually put Hakoah under a little

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SAINTS CRASH BACK TO EARTH

Western Suburbs came from behind to eliminate St George from the Ampol Cup and they repeated the dose to take over the premiership lead last weekend.

Saints strode like a colossus through the first two rounds hammering home a dozen goals, but came crashing back to reality as Wests beat them 2-1 at Drummoyne Oval.

Saints had opened the scoring with a goal by **Neville Morgan** in the 21st minute, but the match always seemed to be Wests for the taking.

Under new coach **Archie Blue** Wests are showing an ability which has lain dormant since their headlong rush into the first division in 1971.

In that year Wests won the Ampol Cup and were the beaten championship grand finalists — quite a start when one considers the likes of Granville and Manly in the past few years.

It may be quite coincidental, but Blue was a player with Wests in '71. Certainly his return to the club is proving fruitful.

As goalkeeper **Terry Eaton** said after Sunday's triumph, "There is a new spirit this year — we're all playing for each other."

There are still few frills about Wests. They have a job to do on the field and they do it.

But there is a new assurance about their approach, and a midfield which will break the back of many a team this winter.

Peter Sone, Alan Ainslie, Dave Harding and **Ken Lindsay** form an engine room as solid as any club could hope for. And **Peter Wilson** and **Steve Perry** in the defence provide reliability where it is needed most.

Saints were without injured **Atti Abonyi** on Sunday and it was left to the ever reliable **Doug Utjesenovic** to cause the most problems to the Wests defence.

But with Lindsay having a superb game and Perry cutting up a tentative St George, Wests' problems were never really serious.

Striker **Clive Eaton** had levelled the scores by half-time, and when he had to leave the field with a knee injury, his replacement was one out of the box:

A 17-year-old sixth form student and third grader, Mark Samuels showed the poise of a veteran with incisive running on the right wing.

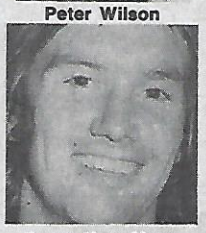
It was an unselfish Samuels square pass inside which gave **Tom Morrow** the opportunity to slot home the winning goal after 52 minutes.

Warren Turnbull, playing alongside Wilson in the defence, had a strong game, as did the entire Wests team.

For Saints coach **Manfred Schaefer** there is still work to be done.

West midfielder Alan Ainslie.

Peter Wilson



Dave Harding

Auburn or Marconi —goals keep coming

It was business as usual for top striker David Keddie when he made his first appearance for Marconi-Fairfield.

Keddie, signed for $3500 from Auburn 24 hours earlier, scored twice as Marconi trounced Manly 4-0 in an embarrassingly one sided clash at Marconi Oval.

Keddie had been sitting on the sidelines cooling his heels after failing to come to terms with Auburn when former national team coach **Rale Rusic** snapped him up.

Rasic was delighted with the display of his new player today, declaring that, "Better things are to come."

"We badly needed someone to capitalise on the chances we have been creating and missing," Rasic said.

Keddie fitted smoothly into Marconi's way of things although he had trained only twice with the team before his signing.

He could hardly have wished for an easier introduction to the side because it is perfectly clear after only three premiership rounds that Manly is not first division class.

It struggled for much of the match and it was inevitable that its defence would crack under Marconi's steady pressure.

The first goal came after 28 minutes when **Paul Degney**, who had an outstanding match, brushed past several defenders in a 40 metre run before cracking a low left footed drive past former international goalkeeper **Ron Corry.**

Corry, cpatain-coach of the Manly side, had a horror afternoon with little protection from his colleagues.

Even so, he pulled off two or three brave saves which kept the score respectable.

Keddie's goals came in the 44th and 46th minutes, the first a typically cheeky goal after a pass from **Ray Richards** and the second a simple header almost on the goal line after Degney had rattled the cross-bar from 30 metres.

Degney notched his second goal two minutes later after again spreadeagling the Manly defence.

What's wrong with Sydney?

From page 3.

I believe every First Division club needs a well-qualiffed PR man to promote not only his own club but the game as a whole.

We would also do a lot better if we didn't have so many knockers in the game.

I don't believe that the name of a club has any bearing on increasing crowd support, but on the other hand, I am certain that by forcing clubs to change their names, we will drive many people away.

Would we have Italian spectators if we did not have APIA and Marconi? Would we have Greeks if we did not have Pan Hellenic.

A stronger Pan Hellenic would do a lot to improve crowd support.

The big difference between Sydney and Melbourne is that Melbourne has two extremely strong Greek clubs in Hellas and Alexander.

To fully exploit the crowd potential of Sydney's Greek community, we must have a more strongly administered Pan Hellenic.

Perhaps the presence of some top European players would improve spectator support in Sydney, but it's difficult to get players from the continent because they earn so much money there.

A Yugoslav first division player would demand at least $10,000 a year. An Italian would want about $30,000 and a Greek First Division reserves would expect about $15,000.

It might pay the big clubs to consider forking out that sort of money for one big name rather than importing three or four players from England or Scotland.

On that basis, there wouldn't be all that much difference in cost, yet there could be a big difference in return at the gate.

Another problem in Sydney is the weakness of the lower leagues when they are compared with the lower leagues in Victoria.

Melbourne's Metropolitan League, comprising four divisions, provides a strong, grass-roots involvement in the game. Sydney cannot boast of a set-up that is as strongly administered or as well planned.

In short, I am afraid that Sydney soccer is going backwards in crowd support, club spirit, administration and public relations.

I suggest we look urgently to the lead given by the United States, which is marketing the game in a big way.

The U.S. could teach us a lot about promotion, public relations, publicity, sponsorship and marketing.

These are areas in which we are falling down badly.

We can't blame those top teams that are producing good soccer. These teams deserve to be playing to packed houses.

Perhaps the NSW Federation should try to make it easier for clubs to arrange their own international matches.

By importing teams and playing against them, local clubs could earn big money.

Deadly rivals now

When this picture was taken, Gerd Mueller (left) and Paul Breitner were team mates at Bayern Munich. Breitner is now with Real Madrid and the two are rivals on the field. Bayern held Real Madrid to a 1-1 draw in Spain and Breitner will appear before

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Do I apply for the job of national coach, or do I opt for the position of coach of the Broadmeadows Girls' Soccer Club?

> **The attraction of the dressing room — better than the national team.**

I am sure you can see the dimension of my dilemma. What inclination do I choose in determining my job of work?

This is a proposition as immensely different as is the taste of chalk and cheese.

Beefcake or cheesecake?

Daiquiri, coffee-klatsch and dress patterns or beer, poker and attack patterns?

On the one hand one must contend with the in-fighting, jealousies and an adverse Press, not to mention a complete indifference to recorded music.

On the other hand, one must contend with the in-fighting, jealousies and adverse husbands, not to mention the expanse of gallons and gallons of rubbing alcohol, rubbing oil, rubbing talc, rubbing Dencorub, rubbing water and the rubbing of hands in anticipation.

The proteins, vitamins, salt tablets, iron pills, ginseng tea, an overdose of vitamin E, more salt tablets, Spanish fly, orange juice and the constant risk of flu from the cold water must also be taken into consideration.

Looking at it from a financial aspect, the national team with a gratuity of around 20 grand per annum is right up my alley. In fact it's right up my alley and into the back door.

Compared with this the offer of $80 per week with the girls' team might not sound as much, but it is all I can afford to pay.

The tenure of both offices unfortunately does not seem to extend beyond one year which may or may not be a blessing. This will be explained later on.

The disadvantage I have in being selected for the national team job rests with the fact that I am a local lad.

In not coming from an exotic place like East Bromley, Minsk or Osijek the odds are stacked against me.

I mean, most of the committee have heard of Melbourne and can check me out.

Also, my training methods might not meet their approval. They are all original.

Take my famous gravity feet deployment. It is considered by many as my magnum opus. Why, the Americans even refer to it as the "Jessie Owens latent thunderbolt".

To achieve this devastating ability, I force all the players, both at training and in their social and professional lives to wear 80-lb lead platform shoes, so all week they believe they are going flat out.

Then, at the soccer ground after donning their standard Adidas ... zoooommmm ... wind burns and a kick like the Big Bertha.

Another method is having the goalkeepers train with a ping-pong ball in the doorway of an aeroplane hangar.

Pretty revolutionary stuff, eh?

I must not forget the health hazard associated with applying to coach a women's team.

I remember the last time this was attempted, in Sweden, 40 men were crushed in the rush, 17 falsified their testimonials, nine signed Robert Redford and six died on the casting couch.

The successful applicant did a stirling job for eight months.

As I mentioned earlier, coaches don't seem to last long. In this instance it was a blessing.

At the beginning of the season, coach X was a strong healthy man of 26. After two-thirds of the ed off to a sanatorium, where I have been ever since.

Many might say that I lack practical experience, that I have never been associated with a serious national soccer team.

Celluloid to you!

I have studied my art by watching hours after hours of training films. For team spirit, may I suggest Rollerball.

For tactics, my research has taken me to the Mean Machine.

And what about Cool Hand Luke for discipline?

To understand and co-operate with the officials I have made an in-depth study of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.

There is of course one big drawback with the national team's job — travel.

All the time one is forced to go to places like Fiji, Manila, Hong Kong, Mexico, all over Europe and a host of other foreign lands.

For this reason I don't think the organisers will get many applicants for the position.

Who would take on this constant relocation to romantic cities and having fantastic birds throwing themselves at you all the time because you're a famous sports person with an expense account.

Who could tolerate living out of a suitcase in luxurious hotels, being pestered to eat rich exotic foods and constantly being treated as a celebrity.

No, only a drifter, a man of false values, a consummate un-realist or an immature person would consider putting himself in such a position.

If the selection committee were desperate, destitute and in dire straits, if it had no other alternative, I would consider taking on this responsibility, but only as a service to my country.

So, after serious consideration, I must be wise and send my application to the Broadmeadows girls' team.

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Beckenbauer and Mueller too hot to keep down

The mighty Beckenbauer-Mueller combination sprang a surprise in Spain by holding giant Real Madrid to a 1-1 draw and becoming firm favorite to win the European Cup for the third successive year.

Real Madrid had been expected to win the home leg but its forwards failed to break down the Bayern defence, so well marshalled by the brilliant **Franz Beckenbauer.**

Roberto Martinez exploited the only mistake made by Bayern's rearguard, and goaled to put Madrid one up.

However, you can't shackle **Gerd Mueller** for a full match.

Even before half time Mueller shoook off his oponents to equalise, and Beckenbauer made sure the score remained tied.

After the match an angry Spanish fan jumped the fence and knocked out Mueller. However he recovered quickly.

The second leg will be played in Munich on April 14, and with the support of its home crowd, Bayern should win to qualify for the Europeans Cup Final.

It will be a harrowing match for Real's **Paul Breitner,** who played for Bayern Munich before switching to Real Madrid.

PSV Eindhoven of Holland will have to beat St. Etienne at least 2-0 in Eindhoven on April 14 to qualify for the final.

St Etienne won the first leg in France 1-0, with a goal by **Jean Michel Larque,** its captain, in the 16th minute.

Eindhoven hung on grimly and should not be dismayed by the prospect of the second leg at home.

In short, it looks like a Bayern Munich v. PSV Eindhoven final.

The final of the Cup Winners' Cup will almost certainly be contested by Anderlecht of Belgium and West Ham of England.

The UEFA Cup finalists are likely to be Liverpool and Hamburg.

Hamburg should qualify in the second leg, despite its 1-1 draw with Bruges of Belgium in Hamburg.

The German team was in the same position after the first leg of the quarter-final against Stal Mielec of Poland.

Stal Mielec managed a draw in Hamburg, but the Germans fought back to win 1-0 in the second leg.

In the semi-final, Bruges went ahead through **Raoul Lambert** soon after half time but **Reimann** equalised.

Liverpool produced a mighty effort in beating Johann Cruyff's Barcelona 1-0 in Spain through a goal by Toshack.

There is no way that Liverpool will throw away a berth in the UEFA Cup final when it faces up to Barcelona in the return leg at home.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, West Ham restricted its deficit to one goal against West German's top-scoring Eintracht Frankfurt.

Graham Paddon gave the London club an early lead but on the half - hour, **Willi Neuberger** finally beat goalkeeper **Day**

Soon after the interval Eintract's **Kraus** put his team ahead but West Ham takes comfort in its away goal for the second leg in two weeks' time.

Most impressive away form came from the elite Belgian side Anderlecht which brought back a 3-0 win from East Germany.

In best Sachsenring Zwickau, which had beaten Celtic Glasgow in the quarter finals, had no answer to Francois Van Der Elst, whose two first-half goals virtually settled the match.

Dutch World Cup star **Rob Rensenbrink** made it three midway through the second half.

East Germany hopes that Zwickau would bring back to the country the Cup Winners' Cup which Magdeburg won two years ago, were dimmed.

Gerd Mueller (right) in action against Acimovic of Yugoslavia in the World Cup.

SEMI-FINAL DETAILS

EUROPEAN CUP

At St Etienne: ST ETIENNE (France) 1 PSV EINDHOVEN (Holland) 0. (Half-time 1-0). Scorer: Jean-Michel Larque.

In Madrid: REAL MADRID (Spain) 1 BAYERN MUNICH (West Germany) 1. (Half time 1-1). Scorers: Real: Roberto Martinez, Bayern: Mueller.

CUP WINNERS' CUP

In Frankfurt: EINTRACHT FRANKFURT (West Germany) 2 WEST HAM (England) 1. (Half time (1-1). Scorers: Eintracht: Neuberger, Kraus, West Ham: Paddon.

In Zwickau: SACHSENRING ZWICKAU (East Germany) 0, Anderlecht (Belgium) 3. (Half-time 0-0). Scorers: Van Der Elst (2), Rensenbrink.

UFFA CUP

In Barcelona: LIVERPOOL (England) 1 BARCELONA (Spain) 0. (Half time 1-0). Scorer: Toschack. Attendance 70,000.

In Hamburg: HAMBURG (West Germany) 1 BRUGES (Belgium) 1. (Half time 0-0). Scorers: Hamburg: Reimann, Bruges: Lambert.

Liverpool's John Toshack (left) scores for Liverpool against Barcelona.

Ivan Curkovic, goalkeeper of St Etienne

End for 'keeper

It looks like Jan Tomaszewski (pictured below), the No 1 goalkeeper at the World Cup finals in Munich, will call it a day.

He did not play with LKS for the last six games and was replaced in this year's first inernational game against the Argentine by the Widzew goalkeepr Burzynski.

LKS is still second last on the Polish ladder and again in a danger of being relegated to the Second Division.

Franz Beckenbauer

Barcelona's Johann Cruyff (left), and Johann Neeskens interviewed after Barcelona's 0-1 loss to Liverpool in

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Dribbling, part 5

There are several ways in which team-mates can help the player who is in a good position to dribble.

One way is by not running into the space the dribbler may want to use.

In Fig. 1. attacker A1 has the ball and is in a good position to take on the defender D1.

Many players make the mistake of running into the space behind the defender D1; especially when attacker A1 prefers to dribble on the outside or down the line.

In this situation attacker A2 may do more for A1 if he ran towards the goal, away from the play.

There are times when the type of run made by A2 is good. If A1 prefers to dribble across the field on the inside of the defender then space will have been created by A2; as in Fig. 2.

The responsibility lies with A1 to read the situation and see what A2 has done.

Unfortunately, in many cases, A1 passes the ball to A2 instead of dribbling and A2 is often left in a situation where he is facing the wrong way, has very little space in which to work and with a defender right behind him.

To develop the understanding between players and to help the player on the ball make the correct decisions, the coach should organise the players as they appear in Fig. 1., serve a ball to A1 and let them play.

The objective may be to either centre the ball or get a shot at goal.

The coach should stop the play when A1 or A2 does the wrong thing and make them respond correctly in the situation.

Understanding will develop when both players are able to read the situation and see what is "on".

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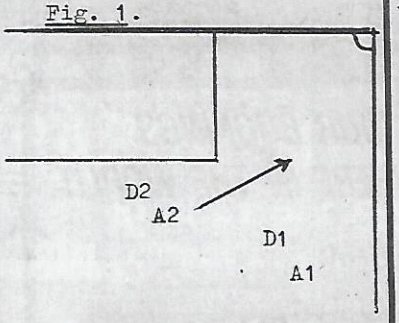

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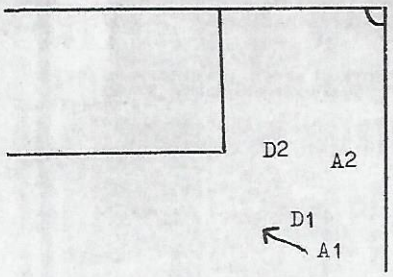

Back from overseas

Box Hill juniors are at top strength for the 1976 season.

With well over 100 members from U/7 to U/16 age groups, the junior club is now well organised under chairman **Brian Horrocks**, with a busy and enthusiastic committee and experienced coaches.

One team, the U/14s, can also boast of having overseas experience, as the team visited New Zealand at the end of the 1975 season thanks to a fund raising effort and sponsorship from Trans Tours.

So far this season, one country club, Sale, has sent three teams to play against Box Hill. The weekend visit recently was a great success.

On March 27-28, an U/14 five-a-side competition attracted 32 teams. Eventual winner was a Sunshine A team which defeated Peninsula 2-0.

Box Hill (A) and Nunawading (B) made it to the semi-finals. The burst of extremely warm weather took its toll on some teams involved in four or five matches.

Brian Horrocks said that thought would soon have to be given to limiting the number of junior players, as the club now had as many teams as it could possibly accommodate with grounds.

Box Hill soccer club is more than 50 years old but the club has only one senior ground, at Wembley Park, and two small grounds for juniors across the road. Some teams have facilities to train at Surrey Park.

Pictured above are 13 U/14 soccer players from Box Hill who can claim to have had overseas experience. The boys played in New Zealand several months ago as part of a successful two week tour.

Pictured with them are Eddy Vanderwesterhuisen (in dark track suit) and team coach Dick Featherstone.

Calling under 16's

Boys under 16! How would you like to play for Victoria?

Well, you have the chance, as a side is needed to represent Victoria in the national championships later this year.

Bill Curran, who will be coaching the Victorian under 16 side for the sixth successive season, wants boys who believe they ar capable of making the team to contact him on 94 4304 between 6 and 9 p.m.

This year's national championship will be played during the August — September school holidays and is likely to be at HMAS Cerebus Navy Base at Crib Point.

Victoria won the championship in 1972 and 1974.

Mr Curran said: "I want to hear from lads who think they are good enough to make the side.

"It will be the best side we can get, so the boys will have to be good.

"Boys from other States — especially Queensland and New South Wales — are very strongly built.

"I will be wanting boys who are physically well built and skilful — but any boy who rings me will be given a chance to prove himself."

TRIALS

Victorian representative teams trials for the following regions and age groups will be held on Saturday, April 10.

U/12 — Yarra Region — Doncaster Rovers S.C. — 1.00 p.m.

U/13 — Peninsula Region — Overport S.C. — 1.00 p.m.

U/14 — Lalor Region — Albion Rovers S.C. — 1.00 p.m.

U/15 — Dandenong Region — Waverley S.C. —

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Star Sunshine City forward Ray Pocock will be Startalk's guest columnist for the next two weeks.

Pocock has been off the soccer scene for about two months with a persistent leg injury. He is expected to play again in two weeks.

Fitzroy — Alexander's Pat Bannon will answer your questions this week.

Q: Have you any ambition to coach? (Question by Len Piretta, Gareth Drive, East Burwood, Vic.).

A: Yes, I do have ideas on coaching. I would like to become a coach in a few years, but it all depends what happens between now and then. Over the years, I have taken notes on various things I have learnt from coaches. Learning is one thing that you never stop doing.

Q: What is your greatest thrill in soccer? (Question by Peter Kirby, Whitehorse Road, Nunawading, Vic.).

A: There are three or four different times in my career that stand out. In 1974 I won the Rothmans Medal for being judged the best and fairest player in the State League, and it came as a real surprise.

My brother Vince had won it the year before. The same year I also won a car from Channel 9. Being a member of our side which won the championship last year was a great thrill and of course the first time I played for Victoria was an honor.

Q: What is the future of soccer in Australia? (Question by Paul Anderson, Church Street, Parramatta, NSW).

A: I believe the stability of soccer out here relies on coaches and techniques. The more professional the coaches are, the more professional the approach will be. A lot will depend on the new coach of Australia, who is to be selected on Saturday. The World Cup is in 1978 — but it really starts next year for Australia, with all the preliminary matches, and this gives the new coach not even a year to prepare for it. To achieve this, someone who knows a little bit about soccer in Australia will have to be appointed.

Q: Have you any regrets about coming out to Australia to play soccer? (Question by Olly Peterson, Great Western Highway, Mt Druitt, NSW).

A: No, I do not have a single regret. It's magic . . . and I'm glad I came. I left a team in Scotland that had won the league championship and came out to Fitzroy Alexander who were struggling. It's been an eduction out here, and a great feeling being part of a successful side.

Q: What is your favorite meal? (Question by Dick Phillips, Ballarat Road, Geelong, Vic.).

A: I am easy with my food. Steak would be my favorite dish but for a change I like a Chinese meal. But it doesn't worry me . . . I even enjoy a meat pie and chiko roll.

THEY MAKE OUR FUTURE ROSY

BOBBY McLACHLAN
Assistant State Coach

In an age when the accent is on youth, it is important for State league clubs to show the trend, not only because it is fashionable to be "with it", but also because it is no longer easy to build up a club's playing strength by the acquisition of players from other clubs.

The transfer fees are just too high.

Also, the inability to obtain players from overseas because of immigration restrictions, makes it essential for clubs to embark on a youth policy and develop their own breeding grounds.

Since 1974 it has been my privilege as coach of the Victorian under 18 schoolboy team to witness some of our outstanding youngsters in action against other States and I can assure you our boys are very highly rated.

In an effort to bridge the gap between under 18 level and full State status, the Victorian State coach, **Tony Boggi**, invited a number of talented players to a meeting at Soccer House on Monday, October 6, 1975, to form an under 23 squad.

The main function of the squad was to gradually groom these young players to form the nucleus of the Victorian State team for future years.

Already **Arthur Xanthopolous, Jim Tansey, Duncan Cumming** and **Mendo Ristovski** are regarded as fully fledged State players.

A number of others are on the fringe and will eventually take over the vacated places of such stars as **Jack Reilly, Peter Bourne, Jimmy McKay, Billy Vojtek**, etc. who have served Victoria so admirably in the past but cannot go on forever.

Below are portraits and brief profiles of just a few of the youths whose talents make the future look so rosy for Victoria.

Peter Laumets

PETER LAUMETS (Preston Makedonia): Stylish, acrobatic, spectacular and showing signs of maturity, probably due to specialised coaching sessions with the State team where **Jack Reilly** spends a great deal of time with him.

Duncan Cummings

DUNCAN CUMMING (South Melbourne Hellas): His ability to score goals from nowhere encourages me to dub him "The Ghost". The power and accuracy for one so young is really amazing and being a member of the national squad at the ripe old age of 17 speaks for itself.

Keith Adams

KEITH ADAMS (Ringwood City): An attacking, adventurous right back. Although on the small side, gets up amazingly well for high balls. Keen and enthusiastic.

GARY GROENWALD (South Melbourne Hellas): "The Little Pele". Although lazy, he has the ability to dribble and shield the ball like a seasoned professional. A tremendous future ahead.

GRAHAM FRENCH (Mooroolbark): Tall, experienced player with exceptional heading ability. Has the knack of coming on the blind side of the defender and slotting home important goals.

Arthur Xanthopoulos

ARTHUR XANTHOPOLOUS (South Melbourne Hellas): In the opinion of many experts the best prospect in Australian soccer. It was most rewarding during the Velez Mostar game to sit back on the bench and watch him match his more illustrious opponents and still come out on top.

ANTON DOSEN (Hakoah): An accomplished, creative player who tries to use the ball at all times rather than aimlessly booting it up the park.

Giovanni Bathicciotto

GIOVANNI BATTICCIOTTO (South Melbourne Hellas): Tough, uncompromising, attacking fullback who revels in the big match atmosphere.

ANDREW BOZIKAS (Fitzroy Alexander): The most underrated player in State league. Has an old head on young shoulders and also the uncanny knack of scoring goals from a midfield position.

TOMMY CUMMING (Sunshine City): "The Mighty Midget", five foot three inches of dynamite. Tast, confident, has a style very reminiscent of **Bobby Collins**, ex-Leeds United and Celtic player.

Phil Williamson

PHIL WILLIAMSON (Ringwood City): Probably the fastest winger in Victoria. Suffered an illness during the close season, but is steadily recovering and will undoubtedly once again

Gary Cole

GARY COLE (Fitzroy Alexander): Tall, fast old-fashioned 'rummel em up' type of centre forward who is repaying Alexander's faith in signing him from Ringwood City for a substantial fee.

Bill Jordanou

BILL JORDANOU (Hakoah): Is developing with great rapidity. Cool, calm and fast; uses the ball well.

Chris Petrov

CHRIS PETROV (Sunshine City): Cool, composed, thoughtful ball player, whose best position is probably as a creative mid-fielder.

JOHN NICHOLAIDES (Fitzroy Alexander): Fast, elusive and possessing a dynamic shot. Has a very good future ahead of him.

Mendo Ristovski

MENDO RIŠTOVSKI (Footscray JUST): The most exciting player on the local scene. His goalscoring feats and scintillating play during the night soccer were rewarded by John Barclay and Tony Boggi demanding his inclusion in the national squad.

Bruce Roberts

BRUCE ROBERTS (Hakoah): Tough, aggressive, versatile player who has a cannon-ball shot. One of my Metro team protegees settling in well at Hakoah.

CLAUDE LUCCHESI (Juventus): Although lazy at times he is potentially the best midfielder in Victoria. His distribution and goalscoring ability are of a high standard.

BRUNO SABADUSSI (Juventus): Brilliant ball player who has the ability to mesmerise opponents with his deft footwork and intelligent dribbling.

Jim Tansey

JIM TANSEY (Prahran Slavia): Probably the best left footer in the State league. Cool, thoughtful and has immaculate distribution.

JOHN CAIN (Prahran Slavia): At present recovering from a knee operation. Tough, deceptive ball player, who although coming to Australia as a centrehalf, played extremely well in the striker position.

CHRIS KALAFITIDES (South Melbourne Hellas): Maturing rapidly. Hard-working, industrious player who at last seems to have gained a deserved place in the star-studded Hellas team.

JOHN DAPERIS (South Melbourne Hellas): This quiet, underestimated player gets through a tremendous amount of work when properly motivated. Is a vital cog in the Hellas team.

LOU TSIGARIS (South Melbourne Hellas); goalkeeper, newcomer with tremendous reflexes and cat-like agility. Good future ahead.

John Bernard (left) in action during a game in Hong Kong.

THIS GUY'S DYNAMITE!

If you had a sick sense of humor you could call Sunshine City recruit John Bernard an "explosive" player.

You could say he's hit the State League with a bang.

Bernard, who had four years with East Fife, lived through a frightening experience on his way to Australia last week.

On the plane at Darwin, someone left a note on a seat, saying there was a bomb in the plane.

The passengers were taken to an isolated spot and had their luggage searched. They were also subjected to intensive questioning.

It was found that the bomb scare was a hoax.

Bernard, a midfielder, spent last year with United Services in Hong Kong, playing with former Melbourne defender **Col McFeeley** and with **Brian Harvey**, who played with Hakoah and South Coast.

McFeeley, by the way, has an injured back and will be out of soccer for at least two years. He has returned to his native Glasgow.

'Ridiculous price for Schul

Goalkeeper Fred Schul says he is being kept out of soccer by an unrealistic transfer fee of $2500 placed on his head by Keilor Austria.

Schul joined Austria from Prahran City in 1972 for ony $450.

Schul said that six clubs had so far expressed interest in signing him but none could afford the price.

He said it was ridiculous" to expect a club to pay $2500 at this stage of the year, when most had completed their recruiting.

Schul said he hoped Austria would reduce his transfer fees and asked clubs interested in him to ring him on 763-7766.

Industrial League

DIVISION 1: Kodak United 4 v Bosch 3; McColl Dynamo 'A' 2 v Cerrito 1; Pegasus 7 v Bowater Scott 0; Standard AST 4 v Repco Richmond 3; Tarax 0 v Ericsson 2.

DIVISION 2: Ford Falcons 3 v Cadbury 'A' 0; Public Works 'A' v Philip Morris 1; Siemens 'A' 1 v ACI Box Hill 1; Sperry Vickers 3 v Middle Park VRI 'A' 3; Wills 3 v ANZ Bank 'A' 1.

DIVISION 3: Diecraft 4 v CBC Bank 0; Lysaght 0 v Ansett 4; Rowntree-Hoadley 2 v LETS 1; TAA 8 v Ford United 1; Taxation 2 v LBI 5.

DIVISION 4 EAST: Cadbury 'B' 0 v Reyrolle 2; Fibre Containers 2 v Public Works 'B' 0; Fibremakers 3 v Caulfield Spears 3; Middle Park VRI 'B' 1 v Linatex 6; Siemens 'B' 2 v McColl Dynamo 'B' 5.

DIVISION 4 WEST: ANZ Bank 'B' 4 v CIG 6; Leyland 2 v WBA 2; RAAF Point Cook 1 v KSC 1; Repco Cooldrive 2 v AHD 3; The Age 1 v James Miller 6; Colyer Watson — Bye.

Toronto's 3-1 win

ADELAIDE. — Metros Toronto of Canada rounded off its Australian tour by downing Adelaide Croatia 3-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Croatia fielded former Australian international **Bugsy Nyskohus** (USC Lion) as its stopper in the first half and had **John Green** (Polonia) as its guest goalkeeper in the second half.

They lent stability to a defence which was loathe to mark tightly.

Metros was below top strength because two of its Brazilian players, **Ivan Ferreira** and **Rob Gemer**, were left in Sydney to undergo cartilage operations.

They were injured when Metros drew 2-2 with Queensland.

Croatia's teenage goalkeeper, **Jaka Banovic**, was prominent early when he saved solid shots from **Bruno Pilas** and Metro's captain **Gene Stenicer.**

Metros opened its account mid-way through the first half when Pilas beat Banovic from close range after Stenicer had crossed accurately from the right wing.

Croatia equalised eight minutes later as **Zelzeko Leson** fired a drive goalwards and **Robert Iarusci** handled the ball as he tried to clear.

Referee **Donald Campbell** awarded the penalty, which was confidently converted by **Robert Marwe.**

Metros regained the lead five minutes later when a lofted shot from **Carmine Marcantonio** was spilled by Banovic as he was challenged by **Pat Ercole.**

Pilas, who had loomed as Metro's most menacing forward, made it 3-1 five minutes from time with a brilliant diving header.

Goals — Metros: Pilas 2, Marcantonio; Croatia: Marwe.

Best — Metros: Pilas, Stenicer, Juricko. Crotia: Harrow, Lesan, Williams.

Israel for Olympics

SEOUL. — Israel scored a convincing 3-1 victory over South Korea in the first of their two-game Olympic Qualifying Series here to make their chance of an Asian berth in Montreal almost certain.

Israel led 1-0 at half time with a 19th minute goal by **Moshe Shani**, and added two goals through **Gideon Damti** after 51 and 72 minutes. The sole South Korean goal came from a penalty kick by **Kim Ho-Kon** in the 65th minute.

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STATE LEAGUE

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2nd Round — Saturday, April 17: J.U.S.T. V JUVENTUS (televised). Sunday: GEORGE CROSS COURAGE V RINGWOOD CITY, PRAHRAN SLAVIA V SUNSHINE, SM HELLAS V EU ALEXANDER, POLONIA MARIBYRNONG V HAKOAH ST. KILDA, MOOROOLBARK V PRESTON MAKEDONIA.

3rd. Round — Friday night, April 23: GEORGE CROSS V J.U.S.T. Saturday: ALEXANDER V POLONIA (televised). Sunday — PRESON V JUVENTUS, HAKOAH ST. KILDA V MOOROOLBARK UNITED, SUNSHINE CITY V SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS, RINGWOOD CITY V PRAHRAN SLAVIA, GEORGE CROSS COURAGE V FOOTSCRAY JUST

4th Round — Saturday, May 1: HELLAS V RINGWOOD (televised). Sunday: PRAHRAN SLAVIA V GEORGE CROSS COURAGE, POLONIA MARIBYRNONG V SUNSHINE CITY, FOOTSCRAY JUST V PRESTON, MOOROOLBARK UNITED V FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER, JUVENTUS V HAKOAH ST. KILDA.

Sunday May 9th. — International Game — Victoria V Totenham Hotspur (England). Saturday matches yet to be selected from this point on. 5th. Round — Sunday 16th May: HAKOAH ST. KILDA V PRESTON, FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER V JUVENTUS, SUNSHINE CITY V MOOROOLBARK UNITED, RINGWOOD CITY V POLONIA MARIBYRNONG, GEORGE CROSS COURAGE V SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS, PRAHRAN SLAVIA V FOOTSCRAY JUST.

Round 6 — Sunday 23rd. May: SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS V PRAHRAN SLAVIA, POLONIA MARIBYRNONG V GEORGE CROSS COURAGE, FOOTSCRAY JUST V HAKOAH ST. KILDA, MOOROOLBARK UNITED V RINGWOOD CITY, JUVENTUS V SUNSHINE CITY, PRESTON V FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER.

Round 7 — Sunday 30th. May: FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER V HAKOAH ST. KILDA, SUNSHINE CITY V PRESTON, RINGWOOD CITY V. JUVENTUS, GEORGE CROSS COURAGE V MOOROOLBARK UNITED, PRAHRAN SLAVIA V POLONIA MARIBYRNONG, SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS V FOOTSCRAY JUST.

8th Round — Sunday 6th. June: POLONIA MARIBYRNONG V. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS, FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER V. FOOTSCRAY JUST, MOOROOLBARK UNITED V PRAHRAN SLAVIA, JUVENTUS V GEORGE CROSS COURAGE, PRESTON V RINGWOOD CITY, HAKOAH ST. KILDA V SUNSHINE CITY

9th. Round — Sunday 13th. June: SUNSHINE CITY V FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER, RINGWOOD CITY V HAKOAH ST. KILDA, GEORGE CROSS COURAGE V PRESTON, PRAHRAN SLAVIA V JUVENTUS, SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS V MOOROOLBARK UNITED, POLONIA MARIBYRNONG V FOOTSCRAY JUST.

10th. Round — Sunday 20th. June: FOOTSCRAY JUST V SUNSHINE CITY, POLONIA MARIBYRNONG V MOOROOLBARK UNITED, PRESTON V PRAHRAN SLAVIA, HAKOAH ST. KILDA V GEORGE CROSS COURAGE, FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER V RINGWOOD CITY, JUVENTUS V SOUTH MELBORNE HELLAS.

11th. Round — Sunday 27th. June: RINGWOOD CITY V SUNSHINE CITY, GEORGE CROSS COURAGE V FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER, PRAHRAN SLAVIA V HAKOAH ST. KILDA. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS V PRESTON, POLONIA MARIBYRNONG V JUVENTUS, FOOTSCRAY JUST V MOOROOLBARK UNITED.

12th. Round — Sunday 4th. July: MOOROOLBARK UNITED V JUVENTUS, POLONIA MARIBYRNONG V PRESTON, SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS V HAKOAH ST. KILDA, PRAHRAN SLAVIA V FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER, GEORGE CROSS COURAGE V SUNSHINE CITY, FOOTSCRAY JUST V RINGWOOD CITY.

13th. Round — Sunday 11th. July: RINGWOOD CITY V GEORGE CROSS COURAGE, SUNSHINE CITY V PRAHRAN SLAVIA, FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER V SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS, HAKOAH ST. KILDA V POLONIA MARIBYRNONG, JUVENTUS V FOOTSCRAY JUST, PRESTON V MOOROOLBARK UNITED.

14th Round — Sunday 18th. July: JUVENTUS V PRESTON, MOOROOLBARK UNITED V HAKOAH ST. KILDA, POLONIA MARIBYRNONG V FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER, SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS V SUNSHINE CITY, PRAHRAN SLAVIA V RINGWOOD CITY, FOOTSCRAY JUST V GEORGE CROSS COURAGE.

15th. Round — Sunday 25th. July: GEORGE CROSS COURAGE V PRAHRAN SLAVIA, RINGWOOD CITY V SOUTH MELBORNE HELLAS, SUNSHINE CITY V POLONIA MARIBYRNONG, PRESTON V FOOTSCRAY JUST, FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER V MOOROOLBARK UNITED, HAKOAH ST. KILDA V JUVENTUS.

16th Round — Sunday 1st. August: PRESTON V HAKOAH ST. KILDA, JUVENTUS V FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER, MOOROOLBARK UNITED V SUNSHINE CITY, POLONIA MARIBYRNONG V RINGWOOD CITY, SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS V GEORGE CROSS COURAGE, FOOTSCRAY JUST V PRAHRAN SLAVIA.

17th. Round — Sunday 8th. August: PRAHRAN SLAVIA V SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS, GEORGE CROSS COURAGE V POLONIA MARIBYRNONG, HAKOAH ST. KILDA V FOOTSCRAY JUST, RINGWOOD CITY V MOOROOLBARK UNITED, SUNSHINE CITY V JUVENTUS, FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER V PRESTON.

18th. Round — Sunday 15th. August: HAKOAH ST. KILDA V FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER, PRESTON V SUNSHINE CITY, JUVENTUS V RINGWOOD CITY, MOOROOLBARK UNITED V PRAHRAN SLAVIA, FOOTSCRAY JUST V SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS.

19th. Round — Sunday 22nd August: SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS V POLONIA MARIBYRNONG, FOOTSCRAY JUST V FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER, PRAHRAN SLAVIA V MOOROOLBARK UNITED, GEORGE CROSS COURAGE V JUVENTUS, RINGWOOD CITY V PRESTON, SUNSHINE CITY V HAKOAH ST. KILDA.

20th. Round — Sunday 29th. August: FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER V SUNSHINE CITY, HAKOAH ST. KILDA V RINGWOOD CITY, PRESTON V GEORGE CROSS COURAGE, JUVENTUS V PRAHRAN SLAVIA, MOOROOLBARK UNITED V SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS, FOOTSCRAY JUST V POLONIA MARIBYRNONG.

21st. Round — Sunday 5th. September: SUNSHINE CITY V FOOTSCRAY JUST, MOOROOLBARK UNITED V POLONIA MARIBYRNONG, PRAHRAN SLAVIA V PRESTON, GEORGE CROSS COURAGE V HAKOAH ST. KILDA, RINGWOOD CITY V FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER, SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS V JUVENTUS.

22nd. Round — Sunday 12th. September: SUNSHINE CITY V RINGWOOD CITY, FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER V GEORGE CROSS COURAGE, HAKOAH ST. KILDA V PRAHRAN SLAVIA, PRESTON V SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS, JUVENTUS V POLONIA MARIBYRNONG, MOOROOLBARK UNITED V FOOTSCRAY JUST

NOTES: (1) In the event of an International fixture being arranged for a date scheduled for a State League Championship round that round will be transferred in its entirety and played the weekend following the 22nd. round.

(2) The games to be televised on a Saturday during the State League Championship season will be selected during the season.

FIRST DIVISION

1st. Week Saturday 10th. April: GREEN GULLY V ST. ALBANS, WESTERN SUBURBS V BOX HILL, MELBOURNE V WAVERLEY CITY. Sunday 11th. April: ESSENDON LIONS V ALBION ROVERS, FRANKSTON CITY V ALTONA CITY, KEILOR CITY V CROYDON.

2nd Week Saturday 17th. April: ALTONA CITY V KEILOR CITY, WAVERLEY CITY V ESSENDON LIONS, ST. ALBANS V WESTERN SUBURBS. Sunday 18th. April: ALBION ROVERS V FRANKSTON CITY, BOX HILL V MELBOURNE, CROYDON V GREEN GULLY.

3rd. Week Saturday 24th. April: WESTERN SUBURBS V GREEN GULLY, ESSENDON LIONS V BOX HILL, KEILOR CITY V ALBION ROVERS, ALTONA CITY V CROYDON. Sunday 25th. April: MELBOURNE V ST. ALBANS, FRANKSTON CITY V WAVERLEY CITY.

4th. Week Saturday 1st. May: WAVERLEY CITY V KEILOR CITY, CROYDON V WESTERN SUBURBS, ST. ALBANS V ESSENDON LIONS, GREEN GULLY V MELBOURNE. Sunday 2nd. May: ALBION ROVERS V ALTONA CITY, BOX HILL V FRANKSTON CITY.

5th Week Saturday 8th. May: MELBOURNE V WESTERN SUBURBS, ESSENDON LIONS V GREEN GULLY, FRANKSTON CITY V ST. ALBANS, KEILOR CITY V BOX HILL, ALTONA CITY V WAVERLEY CITY, ALBION ROVERS V CROYDON.

6th. Week Saturday 15th. May: BOX HILL V ALTONA CITY, CROYDON V MELBOURNE, GREEN GULLY V FRANKSTON CITY. Sunday 16th May: WAVERLEY CITY V ALBION ROVERS, ST.ALBANS V KEILOR CITY, WESTERN SUBURBS V ESSENDON LIONS.

7th Week Saturday 22nd. May: FRANKSTON CITY V WESTERN SUBURBS, KEILOR CITY V GREEN GULLY, ALBION ROVERS V BOX HILL. Sunday 23rd. May: ESSENDON LIONS V MELBOURNE, ALTONA CITY V ST. ALBANS, WAVERLEY CITY V CROYDON

8th. Week Saturday 29th. May: BOX HILL V WAVERLEY CITY, ST. ALBANS V ALBION ROVERS, WESTERN SUBURBS V KEILOR CITY. Sunday 30th. May: CROYDON V ESSENDON LIONS, GREEN GULLY V ALTONA CITY, MELBOURNE V FRANKSTON CITY.

9th. Week Saturday 5th. June: FRANKSTON CITY V ESSENDON LIONS, ALBION ROVERS V GREEN GULLY, WAVERLEY CITY V ST. ALBANS. Sunday 6th. June: KEILOR CITY V MELBOURNE, ALTONA CITY V WESTERN SUBURBS, BOX HILL V CROYDON.

10th. Week Saturday 12th. June: ST. ALBANS V BOX HILL, WESTERN SUBURBS V ALBION ROVERS, MELBOURNE V ALTONA CITY. Sunday 13th June: CROYDON V FRANKSTON CITY, ESSENDON LIONS V KEILOR CITY, GREEN GULLY V WAVERLEY CITY

11th. Week Saturday 19th. June: KEILOR CITY V FRANKSTON CITY, ALBION ROVERS V MELBOURNE, BOX HILL V GREEN GULLY, CROYDON V ST. ALBANS. Sunday 20th. June: ALTONA CITY V ESSENDON LIONS, WAVERLEY CITY V WESTERN SUBURBS.

12th. Week Saturday 26th. June: ST. ALBANS V GREEN GULLY, WAVERLEY CITY V MELBOURNE, CROYDON V KEILOR CITY. Sunday 27th. June: BOX HILL V WESTERN SUBURBS, ALBION ROVERS V ESSENDON LIONS, ALTONA CITY V FRANKSTON CITY.

13th. Week Saturday 3rd. July: KEILOR CITY V ALTONA CITY, ESSENDON LIONS V WAVERLEY CITY, GREEN GULLY V CROYDON. Sunday 4th. July: FRANKSTON CITY V ALBION ROVERS, MELBOURNE V BOX HILL, WESTERN SUBURBS V ST. ALBANS.

14th. Week Saturday 10th. July: CROYDON V ALTONA CITY, GREEN GULLY V WESTERN SUBURBS, BOX HILL V ESSENDON LIONS, ALBION ROVERS V KEILOR CITY. Sunday 11th. July: ST. ALBANS V MELBOURNE, WAVERLEY CITY V FRANKSTON CITY.

15th. Week Saturday 17th July: ALTONA CITY V ALBION ROVERS, FRANKSTON CITY V BOX HILL, MELBOURNE V GREEN GULLY. Sunday 18th. July: KEILOR CITY V WAVERLEY CITY, WESTERN SUBURBS V CROYDON, ESSENDON LIONS V ST. ALBANS

16th. Week Saturday 24th. July: WESTERN SUBURBS V MELBOURNE, ST. ALBANS V FRANKSTON CITY, WAVERLEY CITY V ALTONA CITY, CROYDON V ST. ALBANS. Sunday 25th. July: GREEN GULLY V ESSENDON LIONS, BOX HILL V KEILOR CITY.

17th. Week Saturday 31st. July: ALTONA CITY V BOX HILL, KEILOR CITY V ST. ALBANS, ESSENDON LIONS V WESTERN SUBURBS. Sunday 1st. August: ALBION ROVERS V WAVERLEY CITY, MELBOURNE V CROYDON, FRANKSTON CITY V GREEN GULLY.

18th. Week Saturday 7th. August: WESTERN SUBURBS V FRANKSTON CITY, GREEN GULLY V KEILOR CITY, BOX HILL V ALBION ROVERS, CROYDON V WAVERLEY CITY. Sunday 8th. August: MELBOURNE V ESSENDON LIONS, ST. ALBANS V ALTONA CITY.

19th. Week Saturday 14th. August: ESSENDON LIONS V CROYDON, ALBION ROVERS V ST. ALBANS, KEILOR CITY V WESTERN SUBURBS, FRANKSTON CITY V MELBOURNE. Sunday 15th. August: WAVERLEY CITY V BOX HILL, ALTONA CITY V GREEN GULLY.

20th. Week Saturday 21st. August: MELBOURNE V KEILOR CITY, WESTERN SUBURBS V ALTONA CITY, ST. ALBANS V WAVERLEY CITY, CROYDON V BOX HILL. Sunday 22nd. August: ESSENDON LIONS V FRANKSTON CITY, GREEN GULLY V ALBION ROVERS.

21st. Week Saturday 28th. August: FRANKSTON CITY V CROYDON, BOX HILL V ST. ALBANS, ALTONA CITY V MELBOURNE, WAVERLEY CITY V GREEN GULLY. Sunday 29th. August: ALBION ROVERS V WESTERN SUBURBS, KEILOR CITY V ESSENDON LIONS.

22nd Week Saturday 4th. September: ESSENDON LIONS V ALTONA CITY, MELBOURNE V ALBION ROVERS, ST. ALBANS V CROYDON. Sunday 5th September: FRANKSTON CITY V KEILOR CITY, WESTERN SUBURBS V WAVERLEY CITY, GREEN GULLY V BOX HILL.

SECOND DIVISION

1st. Week Saturday 10th April: KEILOR V SPRINGVALE CITY, FERNTREE GULLY V HEIDELBERG, NEWPORT V MORELAND, BRIGHTON V PRINCES PARK, RICHMOND V BAYSWATER UNITED, DANDENONG CITY V DOVETON.

2nd Week Saturday 17th. April: BAYSWATER UNITED V DANDENONG CITY, PRINCES PARK V RICHMOND, MORELAND V BRIGHTON, HEIDELBERG V NEWPORT, DOVETON V KEILOR, SPRINGVALE CITY V FERNTREE GULLY.

3rd. Week Saturday 24th. April: FERNTREE GULLY V KEILOR, NEWPORT V SPRINGVALE CITY, BRIGHTON V HEIDELBERG, RICHMOND V MORELAND, DANDENONG CITY V PRINCES PARK, BAYSWATER UNITED V DOVETON.

4th. Week Saturday 1st. May: PRINCES PARK V BAYSWATER UNITED, MORELAND V DANDENONG CITY, HEIDELBERG V RICHMOND, DOVETON V FERNTREE GULLY, SPRINGVALE CITY V BRIGHTON, KEILOR V NEWPORT.

5th Week Saturday 8th. May: NEWPORT V FERNTREE GULLY, BRIGHTON V KEILOR, RICHMOND V SPRINGVALE CITY, DANDENONG CITY V HEIDELBERG, BAYSWATER UNITED V MORELAND, PRINCES PARK V DOVETON

6th Week Saturday 15th. May: MORELAND V PRINCES PARK, HEIDELBERG V BAYSWATER UNITED, DOVETON V NEWPORT, SPRINGVALE CITY V DANDENONG CITY, KEILOR V RICHMOND, FERNTREE GULLY V BRIGHTON.

7th. Week Saturday 22nd. May: BRIGHTON V NEWPORT, RICHMOND V FERNTREE GULLY, DANDENONG CITY V KEILOR, BAYSWATER UNITED V SPRINGVALE CITY, PRINCES PARK V HEIDELBERG, MORELAND V DOVETON.

8th. Week Saturday 29th. May: HEIDELBERG V MORELAND, DOVETON V BRIGHTON, SPRINGVALE CITY V PRINCES PARK, KEILOR V BAYSWATER UNITED, FERNTREE GULLY V DANDENONG CITY, NEWPORT V RICHMOND

9th. Week Saturday 5th. June: RICHMOND V BRIGHTON, DANDENONG CITY V NEWPORT, BAYSWATER UNITED V FERNTREE GULLY, PRINCES PARK V KEILOR, MORELAND V SPRINGVALE CITY, HEIDELBERG V DOVETON.

10th. Week Saturday 12th. June: DOVETON V RICHMOND, SPRINGVALE CITY V HEIDELBERG, FERNTREE GULLY V PRINCES PARK, NEWPORT V BAYSWATER UNITED, BRIGHTON V DANDENONG CITY, KEILOR V MORELAND.

11th. Week Saturday 19th. June: DANDENONG CITY V RICHMOND, BAYSWATER UNITED V BRIGHTON, PRINCES PARK V NEWPORT, MORELAND V FERNTREE GULLY, HEIDELBERG V KEILOR, DOVETON V SPRINGVALE CITY.

12th. Week Saturday 26th. June: SPRINGVALE CITY V KEILOR, HEIDELBERG V FERTNREE GULLY, MORELAND V NEWPORT, PRINCES PARK V BRIGHTON, BAYSWATER UNITED V RICHMOND, DOVETON V DANDENONG CITY.

13th. Week Saturday 3rd. July: DANDENONG CITY V BAYSWATER UNITED, RICHMOND V PRINCES PARK, BRIGHTON V MORELAND, NEWPORT V HEIDELBERG, KEILOR V DOVETON, FERNTREE GULLY V SPRINGVALE CITY.

14th. Week Saturday 10th. July: KEILOR V FERNTREE GULLY, SPRINGVALE CITY V NEWPORT, HEIDELBERG V BRIGHTON, MORELAND V RICHMOND, PRINCES PARK V DANDENONG CITY, DOVETON V BAYSWATER UNITED.

15th Week Saturday 17th. July: BAYSWATER UNITED V PRINCES PARK, DANDENONG CITY V MORELAND, RICHMOND V HEIDELBERG, FERNTREE GULLY V DOVETON, BRIGHTON V SPRINGVALE CITY, NEWPORT V KEILOR.

16th. Week Saturday 24th July: FERNTREE GULLY V NEWPORT, KEILOR V BRIGHTON, SPRINGVALE CITY V RICHMOND, HEIDELBERG V DANDENONG CITY, MORELAND V BAYSWATER UNITED, DOVETON V PRINCES PARK

17th. Week Saturday 31st. July: PRINCES PARK V MORELAND, BAYSWATER UNITED V HEIDELBERG, NEWPORT V DOVETON, DANDENONG CITY V SPRINGVALE CITY, RICHMOND V KEILOR, BRIGHTON V FERNTREE GULLY.

18th. Week Saturday 7th. August: NEWPORT V BRIGHTON, FERNTREE GULLY V RICHMOND, KEILOR V DANDENONG CITY, SPRINGVALE CITY V BAYSWATER UNITED, HEIDELBERG V PRINCES PARK, DOVETON V MORELAND

19th. Week Saturday 14th. August: MORELAND V HEIDELBERG, BRIGHTON V DOVETON, PRINCES PARK V SPRINGVALE CITY, BAYSWATER UNITED V KEILOR, DANDENONG CITY V FERNTREE GULLY, RICHMOND V NEWPORT.

20th. Week Saturday 21st. August: BRIGHTON V RICHMOND, NEWPORT V DANDENONG CITY, FERNTREE GULLY V BAYSWATER UNITED, KEILOR V PRINCES PARK, SPRINGVALE CITY V MORELAND, DOVETON V HEIDELBERG.

21st. Week Saturday 28th. August: RICHMOND V DOVETON, HEIDELBERG V SPRINGVALE CITY, PRINCES PARK V FERNTREE GULLY, BAYSWATER UNITED V NEWPORT, DANDENONG CITY V BRIGHTON, MORELAND V KEILOR.

22nd. Week Saturday 4th. September: RICHMOND V DANDENONG CITY, BRIGHTON V BAYSWATER UNITED, NEWPORT V PRINCES PARK, FERNTREE GULLY V MORELAND, KEILOR V HEIDELBERG, SPRINGVALE CITY V DOVETON.

THIRD DIVISION

1st. Week Saturday 10th. April: NORTH CARLTON V PARK RANGERS, RINGWOOD UNITED V DONCASTER ROVERS, BELL PARK V PORT MELBOURNE, PRAHRAN CITY V CHELSEA, COBURG V ELTHAM, YALLOURN V MOORABBIN CITY.

2nd. Week Saturday 17th. April: ELTHAM V YALLOURN, CHELSEA V COBURG, PORT MELBOURNE V PRAHRAN CITY, DONCASTER ROVERS V BELL PARK, MOORABBIN CITY V NORTH CARLTON, PARK RANGERS V RINGWOOD UNITED.

3rd. Week Saturday 24th. April: RINGWOOD UNITED V NORTH CARLTON, BELL PARK V PARK RANGERS, PRAHRAN CITY V DONCASTER ROVERS, COBURG V PORT MELBOURNE, YALLOURN V CHELSEA, ELTHAM V MOORABBIN CITY.

4th. Week Saturday 1st. May: CHELSEA V ELTHAM, PORT MELBOURNE V YALLOURN, DONCASTER ROVERS V COBURG, MOORABBIN CITY V RINGWOOD UNITED, PARK RANGERS V PRAHRAN CITY, NORTH CARLTON V BELL PARK

5th. Week Saturday 8th. May: BELL PARK V RINGWOOD UNITED, PRAHRAN CITY V NORTH CARLTON, COBURG V PARK RANGERS, YALLOURN V DONCASTER ROVERS, ELTHAM V PORT MELBOURNE, CHELSEA V MOORABBIN CITY.

6th. Week Saturday 15th. May: PORT MELBOURNE V CHELSEA DONCASTER ROVERS V ELTHAM, MOORABBIN CITY V BELL PARK, PARK RANGERS V YALLOURN, NORTH CARLTON V COBURG, RINGWOOD UNITED V PRAHRAN CITY.

7th. Week Saturday 22nd May: PRAHRAN CITY V BELL PARK, COBURG V RINGWOOD UNITED, YALLOURN V NORTH CARLTON, ELTHAM V PARK RANGERS, CHELSEA V DONCASTER ROVERS, PORT MELBOURNE V MOORABBIN CITY.

8th. Week Saturday 29th. May: DONCASTER ROVERS V PORT MELBOURNE, MOORABBIN CITY V PRAHRAN CITY, PARK RANGERS V CHELSEA, NORTH CARLTON V ELTHAM, RINGWOOD UNITED V YALLOURN, BELL PARK V COBURG.

9th. Week Saturday 5th. June: COBURG V PRAHRAN CITY, YALLOURN V BELL PARK, ELTHAM V RINGWOOD UNITED, CHELSEA V NORTH CARLTON, PORT MELBOURNE V PARK RANGERS, DONCASTER ROVERS V MOORABBIN CITY.

10th. Week Saturday 12th. June: MOORABBIN CITY V COBURG, PARK RANGERS V DONCASTER ROVERS, RINGWOOD UNITED V CHELSEA, BELL PARK V ELTHAM, PRAHRAN CITY V YALLOURN, NORTH CARLTON V PORT MELBOURNE

11th. Week Saturday 19th. June: YALLOURN V COBURG, ELTHAM V PRAHRAN CITY, CHELSEA V BELL PARK, PORT MELBOURNE V RINGWOOD UNITED, DONCASTER ROVERS V NORTH CARLTON, MOORABBIN CITY V PARK RANGERS.

12th. Week Saturday 26th. June: PARK RANGERS V NORTH CARLTON, DONCASTER ROVERS V RINGWOOD UNITED, PORT MELBOURNE V BELL PARK, CHELSEA V PRAHRAN CITY, ELTHAM V COBURG, MOORABBIN CITY V YALLOURN

13th. Week Saturday 3rd. July: YALLOURN V ELTHAM, COBURG V CHELSEA, PRAHRAN CITY V PORT MELBOURNE, BELL PARK V DONCASTER ROVERS, NORTH CARLTON V MOORABBIN CITY, RINGWOOD UNITED V PARK RANGERS

14th. Week Saturday 10th. July: NORTH CARLTON V RINGWOOD UNITED, PARK RANGERS V BELL PARK, DONCASTER ROVERS V PRAHRAN CITY, PORT MELBOURNE V COBURG, CHELSEA V YALLOURN, MOORABBIN CITY V ELTHAM

15th. Week Saturday 17th. July: ELTHAM V CHELSEA, YALLOURN V PORT MELBOURNE, COBURG V DONCASTER ROVERS, RINGWOOD UNITED V MOORABBIN CITY, PRAHRAN CITY V PARK RANGERS, BELL PARK V NORTH CARLTON.

16th. Week Saturday 24th. July: RINGWOOD UNITED V BELL PARK, NORTH CARLTON V PRAHRAN CITY, PARK RANGERS V COBURG, DONCASTER ROVERS V YALLOURN, PORT MELBOURNE V ELTHAM, MOORABBIN CITY V CHELSEA.

17th. Week Saturday 31st. July: CHELSEA V PORT MELBOURNE, ELTHAM V DONCASTER ROVERS, BELL PARK V MOORABBIN CITY, YALLOURN V PARK RANGERS, COBURG V NORTH CARLTON, PRAHRAN CITY V RINGWOOD UNITED.

18th. Week Saturday 7th. August: BELL PARK V PRAHRAN CITY, RINGWOOD UNITED V COBURG, NORTH CARLTON V YALLOURN, PARK RANGERS V ELTHAM, DONCASTER ROVERS V CHELSEA, MOORABBIN CITY V PORT MELBOURNE.

19th. Week Saturday 14th. August: PORT MELBOURNE V DONCASTER ROVERS, PRAHRAN CITY V MOORABBIN CITY, CHELSEA V PARK RANGERS, ELTHAM V NORTH CARLTON, YALLOURN V RINGWOOD UNITED, COBURG V BELL PARK.

20th. Week Saturday 21st. August: PRAHRAN CITY V COBURG, BELL PARK V YALLOURN, RINGWOOD UNITED V ELTHAM, NORTH CARLTON V CHELSEA, PARK RANGERS V PORT MELBOURNE, MOORABBIN CITY V DONCASTER ROVERS.

21st. Week Saturday 28th. August: COBURG V MOORABBIN CITY, DONCASTER ROVERS V PARK RANGERS, CHELSEA V RINGWOOD UNITED, ELTHAM V BELL PARK, YALLOURN V PRAHRAN CITY, PORT MELBOURNE V NORTH CARLTON.

22nd Week Saturday 4th. September: COBURG V YALLOURN, PRAHRAN CITY V ELTHAM, BELL PARK V CHELSEA, RINGWOOD UNITED V PORT MELBOURNE, NORTH CARLTON V DONCASTER ROVERS, PARK RANGERS V MOORABBIN CITY.

FOURTH DIVISION

1st. Week Saturday 10th. April: CAULFIELD CITY V ESSENDON CITY, BROADMEADOWS CITY V CORIO, SANDRINGHAM CITY V SOUTH YARRA, BALLARAT V CLAYTON, MONASH UNIV. V UNIV. OF MELBOURNE, ROSEBUD V MORNINGTON.

2nd. Week Saturday 17th. April: UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE V ROSEBUD, CLAYTON V MONASH UNIVERSITY, SOUTH YARRA V BALLARAT V CORIO, MONASH SANDINGHAM CITY, MORNINGTON V CAULFIELD CITY, ESSENDON CITY V BROADMEADOWS CITY.

3rd. Week Saturday 24th. April: BROADMEADOWS CITY V CAULFIELD CITY SANDRINGHAM CITY V ESSENDON CITY, BALLARAT V CORIO V SANDINGHAM CITY, MORNINGTON V CAULFIELD CITY, ESSENDON CITY V BROADMEADOWS CITY.

4th. Week Saturday 1st. May: CLAYTON V UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, SOUTH YARRA V ROSEBUD, CORIO V MONASH UNIVERSITY, MORNINGTON V BROADMEADOWS CITY, ESSENDON CITY V BALLARAT, CAULFIELD CITY V SANDRINGHAM CITY.

5th. Week Saturday 8th. May: SANDRINGHAM CITY V BROADMEADOWS CITY, BALLARAT V CAULFIELD CITY, MONASH UNIVERSITY V ESSENDON CITY, ROSEBUD V CORIO, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE V SOUTH YARRA, CLAYTON V MORNINGTON.

6th. Week Saturday 15th. May: SOUTH YARRA V CLAYTON, CORIO V UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, MORNINGTON V SANDRINGHAM CITY, ESSENDON CITY V ROSEBUD, CAULFIELD CITY V MONASH UNIVERSITY, BROADMEADOWS CITY V BALLARAT.

7th. Week Saturday 22nd. May: BALLARAT V SANDRINGHAM CITY, MONASH UNIVERSITY V BROADMEADOWS CITY, ROSEBUD V CAULFIED CITY, UNIV. OF MELBOURNE V ESSENDON CITY, CLAYTON V CORIO, SOUTH YARRA V MORNINGTON.

8th. Week Saturday 29th. May: CORIO V SOUTH YARRA, MORNINGTON V BALLARAT, ESSENDON CITY V CLAYTON, CAULFIELD CITY V UNIV. OF MELBOURNE, BROADMEADOWS CITY V ROSEBUD, SANDRINGHAM CITY V MONASH UNIVERSITY.

9th. Week Saturday 5th. June: MONASH UNIVERSITY V BALLARAT, ROSEBUD V SANDRINGHAM CITY, UNIV. OF MELBOURNE V BROADMEADOWS CITY, CLAYTON V CAULFIELD CITY, SOUTH YARRA V ESSENDON CITY, CORIO V MORNINGTON.

10th. Week Saturday 12th. June: MORNINGTON V MONASH UNIVERSITY, ESSENDON CITY V CORIO, BROADMEADOWS CITY V CLAYTON, SANDRINGHAM CITY V UNIV. OF MELBOURNE, BALLARAT V ROSEBUD, CAULFIELD CITY V SOUTH YARRA.

11th. Week Saturday 19th. June: ROSEBUD V MONASH UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE V BALLARAT, CLAYTON V SANDRINGHAM CITY, SOUTH YARRA V BROADMEADOWS CITY, CORIO V CAULFIELD CITY, MORNINGTON V ESSENDON CITY.

12th. Week Saturday 26th. June: ESSENDON CITY V CAULFIELD CITY, CORIO V BROADMEADOWS CITY, SOUTH YARRA V SANDRINGHAM CITY, CLAYTON V BALLARAT, UNIV. OF MELBOURNE V MONASH UNIVERSITY, MORNINGTON V ROSEBUD

13th. Week Saturday 3rd. July: ROSEBUD V UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, MONASH UNIVERSITY V CLAYTON, BALLARAT V SOUTH YARRA, SANDRINGHAM CITY V CORIO, CAULFIELD CITY V MORNINGTON, BROADMEADOWS CITY V ESSENDON CITY.

14th. Week Saturday 10th. July: CAULFIELD CITY V BROADMEADOWS CITY, ESSENDON CITY V SANDRINGHAM CITY, CORIO V BALLARAT, SOUTH YARRA V MONASH UNIVERSITY, CLAYTON V ROSEBUD, MORNINGTON V UNIV. OF MELBOURNE.

15th. Week Saturday 17th. July: UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE V CLAYTON, ROSEBUD V SOUTH YARRA, MONASH UNIVERSITY V CORIO, BROADMEADOWS CITY V MORNINGTON, BALLARAT V ESSENDON CITY, SANDRINGHAM CITY V CAULFIELD CITY.

16th. Week Saturday 24th. July: BROADMEADOWS CITY V SANDRINGHAM CITY, CAULFIELD CITY V BALLARAT, ESSENDON CITY V MONASH UNIVERSITY, CORIO V ROSEBUD, SOUTH YARRA V UNIV. OF MELBOURNE, MORNINGTON V CLAYTON.

17th. Week Saturday 31st. July: CLAYTON V SOUTH YARRA, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE V CORIO, SANDRINGHAM CITY V MORNINGTON, ROSEBUD V ESSENDON CITY, MONASH UNIVERSITY V CAULFIELD CITY, BALLARAT V BROADMEADOWS CITY.

18th. Week Saturday 7th. August: SANDRINGHAM CITY V BALLARAT, BROADMEADOWS CITY V MONASH UNIVERSITY, CAULFIELD CITY V ROSEBUD, ESSENDON CITY V UNIV. OF MELBOURNE, CORIO V CLAYTON, MORNINGTON V SOUTH YARRA.

19th. Week Saturday 14th. August: SOUTH YARRA V CORIO, BALLARAT V MORNINGTON, CLAYTON V ESSENDON CITY, UNIV. OF MELBOURNE V CAULFIELD CITY, ROSEBUD V BROADMEADOWS CITY, MONASH UNIVERSITY V SANDRINGHAM CITY.

20th. Week Saturday 21st. August: BALLARAT V MONASH UNIVERSITY, SANDRINGHAM CITY V ROSEBUD, BROADMEADOWS CITY V UNIV. OF MELBOURNE, CAULFIELD CITY V CLAYTON, ESSENDON CITY V SOUTH YARRA, MORNINGTON V CORIO.

21st. Week Saturday 28th. August: MONASH UNIVERSITY V MORNINGTON, CORIO V ESSENDON CITY, CLAYTON V BROADMEADOWS CITY, UNIV. OF MELBOURNE V SANDRINGHAM CITY, ROSEBUD V BALLARAT, SOUTH YARRA V CAULFIELD CITY.

22nd Week Saturday 4th. September: MONASH UNIVERSITY V ROSEBUD, BALLARAT V UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, SANDRINGHAM CITY V CLAYTON, BROADMEADOWS CITY V SOUTH YARRA, CAULFIELD CITY V CORIO, ESSENDON CITY V MORNINGTON.

CLASSY HILL WINS THE CUP

Green Cully coach, Michael de Bruyckere, sprang a surprise by leaving out Mario Borg and clever mid-fielder Roy Collins from the successful semi-final team. Box Hill replaced Brian Smart with Bobby Bramble.

The game opened with Green Gully kicking down the notorious Wembley Park slope, and it seemed that players of both sides would find controlling the ball on the hard ground a difficult task.

Box Hill, urged on by good support, was first to find its feet, and it scored first.

Serge Beradini and Ray Taylor had served notice that it would trouble a slow moving Green Gully defence, and in the tenth minute Beradini, running hard, took a ball almost to the line, crossed it under pressure, and found Taylor who neatly sidestepped a defender and cracked the ball past Mick Borg.

BOX HILL 4 (Taylor, Bramble, Corke, McCaskie).
GREEN GULLY AJAX 1 (Banagan).
BOX HILL: Pearce M, Teer T, Benton M, Adams B, Bradley A, Brown J, Corke P, Bramble R, Beradini S, Taylor R, McCaskie G, Minton A, Smart R.
GREEN GULLY AJAX: Borg Mick, Wolszecki A, Berens F, Bradshaw M, Cole D, McCurroy D, Segi A, Banagan M, Klimczak E, Brazil M, Grady M, Borg M, Collins R.

Box Hill used its wings well and a searching cross by Bob Bramble was well punched away by Borg.

The nearest Gully came to scoring was when Tony Wolscewski hooked over the bar following a corner. For the rest of the half Paul Corke marshalled his defence well and Mick Pearce's duties were confined to collecting through balls. H.T. 1-0.

Gully came out full of fire and penned Box Hill in its box for the opening minutes. But it was Box Hill who scored, to go two up.

Serge Beradini went off on a solo foray and his cannon-ball shot was touched on to the cross-bar by Mick Borg, who did very well to even reach it.

However, Bobby Bramble, coming up in support on the right banged the ball home and Green Gully looked shattered.

It was a tremendous effort by the ever dangerous Beradini.

Green Gully plugged away manfully, but it was obvious its fire had gone out.

Roy Collins came on for Mick Brazil and it seemed that if the Gully mid-field could win control from Box Hill, the game could still be saved, but Box Hill just went on from strength to strength and at the 70 minute mark Paul Corke ventured upfield and put the issue beyond doubt with a great diving header from a Ray Taylor free kick.

Five minutes later, Bobby Bramble beat the defence on the right and hit the ball towards the far post, where it was helped over the line by Greg McCaskie.

With the score 4-0, Box Hill became a little complacent, and Mick Banagan threaded his way through the defence to snatch a consolation goal.

Both goalkeepers were in action up to the dying seconds, first Borg flying out to punch clear, and then Mick Pearce dropping the ball in the Box Hill goalmouth.

However, the ever reliable Paul Corke was there to clear off the goal-line and the game ended in a clear-cut Box Hill victory.

Paul Corke, Serge Beradini and Ray Taylor were best for Box Hill, whilst for Green Gully, Franz Berens looked nine feet tall at the back and Mick Banagan and Ray Collins did their best in mid-field.

Box Hill defender Andy Bradley clears the ball during last week's Cumberland Cup final. Box Hill won the game 4-1.

Semi-finals

The Metropolitan League scored a significant first, when the semi-finals of the Cumberland Cup were played before an enthusiastic crowd at Olympic Park last Wednesday night.

GREEN GULLY AJAX 3 (McCurry 2, Segi) Doveton 0.

Teams: DOVETON: Reiss W., Currie A., Garland W., Thurlow P., Wilson G., Smith I., O'Halloran T., Gardner J., Hill M., Roy D., Fakos C., Sweeney I.
GREEN GULLY AJAX: Borg, Mick., Wolszecki A., Borg M., Bradshaw M., Berens F., McCurry D., Segi A., Banagan M., Klimczek E., Brazil M., Collins R., Spiteri M., Cole D.

Doveton never settled down in the unfamiliar surroundings of Olympic Park, and certainly missed the influence of Brian Roderick who incurred a four week penalty at Frankston.

The crowd was still filling the ground when Bill Reiss, in the Doveton goal, fumbled a hard cross from the right and Andy Segi scrambled the ball into the net.

Two minutes later Green Gully were two up, when Dave McCurry hit the ball home after a free kick had rebounded off the wall.

Half-time came with the score 2-0.

Doveton came out attacking, but lacked any build up and committed elementary mistakes, like shooting from too far out.

Green Gully wrapped it all up at the 55 minute mark when Eddie Klimczek set up a ball for Dave McCurry, who banged it home.

ALTONA CITY 3 (Hamill, Ackers, Reid), BOX HILL 3 (Corke, Taylor, Beradini).

Teams: ALTONA C.: Van der Peol H., Gramsbergen R., Lord D., Ackers J., Murray K., Cooper D., Panzeglov G., Hamill A., Seenan A., Reid I., Karbanenko S., Lambrou S.
BOX HILL: Pearce M., Teer T., Benton M., Adams R., Bradley A., Brown J., Corke P., McCaskie G., Beradini S., Taylor R., Smart B., O'Hare M.

At the 36 minute mark Tony Hamill set off on a run down the left flank, cut inside Trevor Teer, shaped as if to pass across the box, but instead let fly with a thunderbolt that Mick Pearce never saw.

It was a goal in a thousand and set the Altona fans whooping with joy. Box Hill sneaked up and equalised in one minute, through Paul Corke, who had slipped upfield from his sweeper position and side footed the ball home.

After half time Ray Taylor put Box Hill in front after 58 minutes and it looked curtains for Altona, but it hit back with a well headed goal by Jimmy Ackers.

Nine minutes later it was 2-2 tense.

Ian Reid missed a good chance for Altona then Box Hill's dynamic little striker Serge Berardini, scored after Ray Taylor made the opening.

A ball came over from the left, helped on its way by David Cooper, and it was headed goalwoard by Albert Seenan and finally nodded in by Ian Reid.

So on to extra time, and both sides had chances; first Altona through Jim Ackers and Tony Hamill and then Box Hill when Baradini hit the bar and Taylor fired wide.

In the last moments Mike Pearce saved well from substitute Stan Lambrou.

Penalties were then called for, with Box Hill, going first.

Both sides scored three each, then Paul Corke missed for Box Hill only to see Albert Seenan miss for Altona City.

John Brown for Box Hill and Ian Reid for Altona then scored and it became a matter of which side failed first.

Andy Bradley made no mistake with Box Hill's next, but poor David Cooper missed with Altona's and it was all over.

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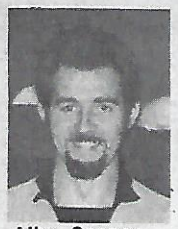
The Metro Scene with LES SHORROCK

METRO WILL BE TIGHTER

This weekend sees the start of the 1976 Soccer Season and I can't remember one that was more difficult to assess in advance.

The First Division Championship looks wide open and any one of six clubs could win it.

The first few rounds will tell the tale.



Alby Seenan — from Sunshine, to Ajax to Altona.

FIRST DIVISION

Saturday's First Division matches see Green Gully opposing St. Albans at the Gully.

Green Gully is always hard to beat at home and St. Albans won't get any change out of it this year.

Green Gully's pre-season form has been good and thorough whilst St. Albans look like relying on veteran Lou Denys in goal again.

It is a definite candidate for relegation.

The Western Suburbs v. Box Hill game has an intriguing look about it.

Wests is an enigma team, sometimes looking brilliant and at other times being mediocrity personified, whilst Box Hill, newly promoted, has its sights fixed firmly on promotion.

It will miss Brownlie at the back and I think its midfield is suspect.

Paul Corke is brilliant, and when it breaks out has dangerous raiders in Greg McCaskie, Ray Taylor and Serge Beradini.

It must be strong contenders this year.

The third Saturday match is another puzzle.

How will Melbourne take to the hurly-burly of the Metro League?

It has lost Duncan Cummings and Gary Groenwald, and Ashy Scott has retired, after the unfortunate experiment of having Stan Foster as Coach.

Joe Szabo is still there but might find the first division a bit too quick for him.

On the other hand

It won six games in the first half of the Season and then only two in the second, and finished third last.

On Sunday it's Albion Rovers away to Essendon Lions and Billy McArthur will be looking for an improvement on its pre-season form from his Rovers.

Lions have improved its ground and has picked up George Train from Slavia and Gordon Cameron from Albion.

I fancy the home side here and if it kicks off well will be contenders for the Championship.

Altona has gained Albert Seenan from Green Gully and Serge Karbanenko from Keilor City and Ian Reid has returned from Albion.

Pre-season build up culminated in a great Cumberland Cup semi-final which will have tuned it up well.

Johnny Pryde, Frankston's Coach, is not in such a happy position.

Last Saturday's practice match with Sunshine, which the State Leaguers won 6 - 0, must have struck an ominous note and Frankston needs to recruit more players, if it is to stay in the First Division, let alone be Championship contenders.

A big question mark hangs over the remaining First Division fixture, Keilor City v. Croydon.

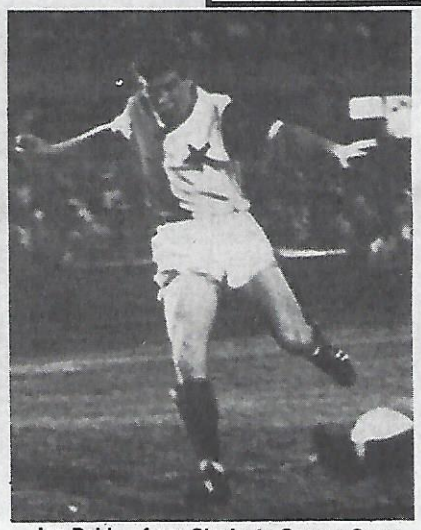
What effect will the Central Altona takeover of Keilor City have on the club? Almost all of last season's first team has gone and on revealed form to date I can't see City having a chance against a rampant Croydon who will go to Churchill Reserve with George Cross's scalp hanging from its belt.

FIRST ROUND (Probable winners in caps.)
GREEN GULLY AJAX v St. Albans; Western Suburbs v Box Hill; MELBOURNE v Waverley; ESSENDON LIONS v Albion; Frankston City v ALTONA CITY; Keilor City v CROYDON.

SECOND DIVISION

Interest in this Division will revolve around the showing of the promoted clubs, Heidelberg and Doveton.

Heidelberg travel to Ferntree Gully, who had an



Ian Reid — from Slavia, to George Cross, to Altona, to Melbourne, to Albion Rovers, back to Altona.

That experience might stand it in good stead against Heidelberg who have lost Davey Jones, Hugh Murney and 'Shocker' Myles.

Dandenong City meet Doveton in a local Derby that should be a battle royal.

I have seen both teams in recent weeks and they play good Soccer.

Doveton will sorely miss Brian Roderick who was severely dealt with for retaliation and still has to miss three matches.

I think these clubs will take a hand in the Championship race.

KEILOR V Springvale; FERNTREE GULLY v Heidelberg; NEWPORT v Moreland; BRIGHTON v Princes Park; RICHMOND v Bayswater U.; DANDENONG v Doveton.

THIRD DIVISION

Bell Park, after looking promotion candidates all the season, missed out in the end, but will do better this season.

Doncaster Rovers carried all before it in the Fourth Division but will find sterner opposition at Ringwood United.

Prahran should be too strong for a young Chelsea side at home, and newly promoted Moorabbin City could well start off on a winning note against a demoralised Yallourn side.

A clearer picture of the strength of the Third Division will emerge after the first few games.

North Carlton v Park Rangers; RINGWOOD U. v Doncaster Rovers; BELL PARK v Port Melbourne; PRAHRAN C. v Chelsea; Coburg v Eltham; Yallourn v MOORABBIN C.

FOURTH DIVISION

The Fourth Division clubs, with the Provisional League breathing down their necks, will want to ensure that they survive, and this will inject a note of urgency that might have been lacking before promotion and relegation became the order of the day.

Ballarat, Broadmeadows and Sandringham are all bound to take a hand in the Championship, and possible Essendon City too, if its committee settles down.

Caulfield v Essendon; BROADMEADOWS v Corio; SANDRINGHAM v Sth. Yarra; BALLARAT v Clayton; MONASH UNI. v Melbourne Uni.; ROSEBUD v Mornington.

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A dream shattered

The Crystal Palace dream of becoming the first Third Division side to reach the English F.A. Cup final turned into a shattering nightmare in the Semi-Finals

Second Division Southampton took the young, plucky Londoners by the scruff of the neck and bundled them out of the race to Wembley with a 2-0 victory.

Southampton now meets the "Red Devils", Manchester United, in the final on May 1.

ENGLISH FA CUP: Semi-finals: Manchester United 2, Derby County 0; Southampt 2, Crystal Palace 0.

Manchester United meets Southampton in final Wembley on May 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Arsenal 0, Spurs 2; Birmingham 3, Aston Villa 2; Coventry 0, Leicester City 0; Leeds 2, Burnley 1; Liverpool 1, Everton 0; Middlesborough 2, Ispwich 0; Newcastle 1, QPR 2; Norwich 1, Sheffield 3; West Ham 0, Woves 0; Manchester United v. Manchester City postponed; Derby v. Stoke played March 24 when teams drew 1-1.

FRIDAY GAME : Stoke 0, Manchester City 0.

DIVISION TWO: Blackburn 3, Luton 0; Blackpool 2, Bristol City 1; Bolton 0, Nottingham Forest 0; Bristol Rovers 1, Orient 1; Hull 2, Charlton 2; Notts County 0, Sunderland 0; Oxford 1; York 0; Plymouth 2; Oldham 1; West Bromwich 3, Carlisle 0; Portsmouth v Southampton and Chelsea v. Fulham both postponed.

DIVISION THREE: Aldershot 2, Wrexham 3; Cardiff 2, Grimsby 1; Chesterfield 4, Swindon 0; Colchester 1, Preston 1; Gillingham 2, Bury 0; Millwall 1, Halifax 0; Port Vale 1, Hereford 1; Rotherham 1, Brighton 1; Walsall 2, Peterborough 2; Chester v. Crystal Palace and Sheffield Wednesday v. Southern United both postponed.

FRIDAY GAME: Shrewsbury 1, Mansfield 1.

DIVISION FOUR: Bournemouth 4, Hartlepool 2; B'ford 2, Bradford 2; Cambridge 3, Doncaster 3; Crewe Alexandra 3, Sockport 1; Lincoln City 4, Newport 1; Northampton 1, Huddersfield 1; Rochdale 0, Reading 0; Scunthorpe 2, Darlington 1; Watford 1, Barnsley 0; Workington 1, Torquay 3.

FRIDAY GAMES : Southport 1, Exeter 0, Tranmere 3, Swansea 0.

SCOTTISH CUP — SEMI FINALS: Hearts 0, Dumbarton 0. (Eventual winners meet Rangers in final).

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Celtic 1, St Johnstone 0; Dundee 1, Ayr United 2; Hibernian 0, Rangers 3; Motherwell 3, Dundee United 2; Aberdeen v. Hearts postponed.

SCOTTISH SPRING CUP — FIFTH ROUND: Arbroath 0, Stenhousemuir 1; Brechin City 1, Airdrieonians 1; Clydebank 3, Clyde 2; Dunfermline 2, Queens Park 1; East Fife 4, Stranraer 2; Falkirk 3, Alloa 1; Hamilton Academicals v. Cowdenbeath postponed; Kilmarnock 3, Bewick Rangers 1; Morton v East Stirling postponed; Partick Thistle 4, Forfar Athletic 2; Queen of the South 2, Raith Rovers 0; St Mirren 4, Meadowbank Thistle 0; Stirling Albion 2, Montrose 3.

NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena United 1, Distillery 0; Bangor 0, Linfield 2; Cliftonville 2, Portadown 4; Crusaders 0, Coleraine 0; Glenavon 4; Larne 1; Glentoran 2, Ards 3.

—AAP-REUTER.

Crystal Palace 'Keeper Paul Hammond saves at the feel of Southampton's Mike Channon (stripes, left), under pressure from Ian Evans, as Peter Osgood (centre waits for a mistake.

Scores around the world

GREECE

Apollon 3, Pierikos 0; Aris 3, Panachaiki 0; Atromitos 2, Heraclis 0; Yannina 5, Panserraikos 1; Ethnikos 3, AEK 4; Kastoria 2, Paok 2; Panathinaikos 0, Olympiakos 0; Panionios 1, Panaitolikos 0.

ITALY

Ascoli 0, Napoli 0; Cesena 0, Cagliari 0; Fiorentina 4, Como 1; Inter Milan 1, Juventus 0; Lazio 1, Verona 1; Perugia 1, Bologne 1; Sampdoria 1, Roma 0; Torino 2, A. C. Milan 1.

WEST GERMANY

WEST GERMAN CUP, QUARTER FINALS — FC Cologne 2, Bayern Munich 5; Hertha Berlin 1, Roechling Voelkingen 1 (after extra time); Hamburg SV 2, FC Hamburg 1; Kaiserlautern 3, Fortuna Duesseldorf 1.

FIRST DIVISION — Eintracht Brunswick 2, Karlsruher 0.

POLAND

Pogon 3, Legia 0; Gornik 0, Wisla 2; Ruch 0, Widzew 0; ROW 1, GKS 3; Stal RZ 1, Lech 0; Szombierki 1, Stal M. 2, Slask 1, Polonia 0; LKS 0, Zaglebie 0.

HOLLAND

MVV 1, Eindhoven 1; NEC 0, FC Twente; Go Ahead Eagles 0, Telstar 0; Feyenoord 4, Ajax 1; FC Amsterdam 0, Sparta 1; FC Utrecht 2, Excelsior 1; AZ '67 4, FC Den Haag 3; De Graafschap 0, Roda JC 0; PSV 4, NAC 0.

Table after 26 matches: 1. PSV 41 points, 2. Feyenoord 40 pts, 3. FC Twente 37 pts, 4. Ajax 36 pts, 5. NEC 33 pts.

EAST GERMANY

There were no East German First Division soccer matches because the national team faces Czechoslovakia in an Olympic qualifying match in Leipzig on Wednesday (tonight).

AUSTRIA

SW Innsbruck 1, SK Voeest Linz 2; Sturm Graz 2, Rapid Wien 0; Austria WAC 5, Admira Wacker 1; Austria Klagenfurt 0, Austria Salzburg 4; Linzer ASK 1, Grazer AK 0.

Austria WAC lead the table with 34 points after 24 games, followed by SW Innsbruck 32, Rapid Wien 29.

HUNGARY

Csepel 0, Vasas 3; Szeol 1, Raba Eto 1; Bekescsaba 0, MTK 4; Ujpest Dozsa 2, Hideoton 2; Kaposvar 0, Szombathely 2; Salgotarjan 2, Ferencvaros 2; Honved 4, Diosgyoer 1.

SPAIN

Sevilla 4, Real Oviedo 0; Racing 4, Hercules 1; Atletico Madrid 4, Real Betis 0; Granada 1, Las Palmas 0; Barcelona 2, Real Sociedad 0; Athletic Bilbao 2, Espanol 1; Salamanca 2, Valencia 0; Elche 1, Real Madrid 1; Sporting 2, Real Zaragoza 2.

TURKEY

Galatasaray 1, Besiktas 1; Trabzonspor 1, Fenerbachce 0; Giresunspor 1, Eskisehirspor 0; Boluspor 2, Orduspor 1; Bursaspor 0, Adana D. Spor 0; Zonguldakspor 0, Altay 0; Adanaspor 0, Ankaragucu 0; Goztepe 1, Balikesirspor 1.

ROMANIA

Sportul Studentesc 4, Timisoara Politehnica 1; Rapid 2, Arad UT 1; Satu Mare Olympia FC 4, Fralova Universitatea 0; Petrosani Jiul 0, Bucharest Dynamo 0; Constanta FC 1, Resita FCM 0; Tirgu Mures ASA 1, Cluj Napoca CFR 0; Pitesti Arges FC 0, Steaua 1; Cluj Napoca Universitatea 3, Jassy Politehnica 0; Bacau SC 4, Oradea Bihor FC 0.

Steaua lead the table with 34 points followed by Dynamo with 29.

BULGARIA

CSKA Septemvriisko Zname 3, JSK-Spartak 'Varna) 1; Levski-Spartak 5, Dounav (Ruse) 0; Lokomotiv (Plovdiv) 1, Akademik (Sofia) 1; Pirin (Blagoevgrad) 0, Slavija (Sofia) 0; Botev (Vratsa) 0, Trakia (Plovdiv) 0; Sliven 3, Minior (Pernik) 0; Cherno More 2, Beroe 0; Sparkak (Pleven) 0, Lokomotiv (Sofia) 1.

Levski-Spartak leads the table with 31 points, followed by CSKA Septemvriisko Zname 29.

SWITZERLAND

Bienne 0, Sevette Geneva 3; Chenois Geneva 1, St Gallen 1; Lausanne 0, La Chaux-De Fonds 0; Lugano 1, Basle 1; Neuchatel Zamax 1, Young Boys Zurich 1; Winterthur 1, Grasshoppers Zurich 3; Zurich 5, Sion 2.

PORTUGAL

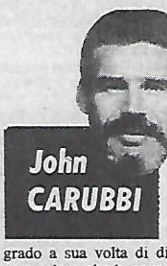
Guimaraes 0, Benefica 3; CUF 1, Braga 1; Aletico 0, Porto 4; Leixoes 0, Academico 1; Beira Mar 4, Tomar 1; Sporting 4, Farense 1; Boavista 2, Belenenses 1; Estoril 1, Setubal 1.

Overall classification after 28 matches: Benfica 44 points, Boavista 40, Sporting 36, Porto 34, Belenenses 33, Guimaraes 33, Estoril 24, Setubal 23, Braga 23, Atletico 20, Leixoes 20, Beira Mar 19, CUF 18, Academico 18, Tomar 16 and Farense 16 pts.

BELGIUM

La Louviere 2, Waregem 2; Lokeren 2, Antwerp 0; Lierse 2, CS Bruges 0; Beringen 2, Standard Liege 3; Beerschot 1, Racing Malines 0; FC Malinois 3, Ostend 1; RWD Molenbeek 0, Anderlecht 2; FC Liegeois 0, Berchem 1; FC Brugeois 5, Charleroi 1. — AAP Reuter.

Perch' ci necessita un coach 'europeo'



Melbourne, 1 aprile

Il 10 aprile è ormai alle porte e la Federazione australiana dovrà scegliere, adeguandosi al canovaccio di selezione, lo stratega che dovrà guidare i calciatori verde - oro in Argentina alla conquista di un pò di gloria calcistica per l'Australia, cioè qualcosa (leggete uranio ecc.) che non ha dato a questa fortunata terra la natura, bensì, qualcosa che la giovane nazionale deve conquistarsi a suon di pedate bene assestate ad un pallone dí cuoio.

Ovviamente, se le pedate si trattasse di darle alla carlona, solo per tener lontana la sfera dalla propria area di porta, allora tutto potrebbe risolversi in maniera semplicissima, mettendo in campo undici baldi giovanotti i quali dicono sapere o che sanno scalciare un pallone. Il che è pressappoco ciò che fecero gli australiani in Germania nell'ultima edizione dei campionati mondiali di calcio.

Il problema da risolvere invece, sarà quello di far scendere in campo, opportunamente preparati, undici calciatori i quali abbiano più che i rudimenti del gioco della palla ed ai quali siano inculcati i rudimenti (almeno) del gioco d'assieme, sia per difendersi che per attaccare, ossia undici atleti del calcio inseriti costruttivamente in un organismo di gioco di cui loro sarebbero i vari organi individuali. Un pò come il corpo umano: diversi organi, al servizio di una testa.

Ed è appunto la testa che la Federazione dovrà inserire sul tronco della squadra australiana, il 10 aprile.

E come la natura ha impiegato vari millenni biologici per produrre una testa che pensi, guidi e coordini il funzionamento degli altri organi cosi un coach deve avere vissuto attraverso l'evoluzione del gioco del calcio, deve essersi formato stando nel vivo del processo evolutivo di quello sport, seguendolo fase per fase per essere in grado a sua volta di dirigere coloro che la squadra compongono, ed impiantare la squadra.

Francamente qualsiasi allenatore, diventato allenatore in Australia, deve per forza mancare delle cognizioni tecniche necessarie, indispensabili, per fungere da «testa» della squadra, in fase preparatoria una volta che la squadra è scesa in campo, e dalla panchina. Il coach nato in casa, ossia calcisticamente australiano, in altri termini non è programmato per dare una risposta esauriente al problema della nazionale australiana di calcio, ai campionati mondiali argentini.

La settimana scorsa o due settimane orsono se ne è avuta la prova in un altro Stato d'Australia dove il dilettantistico attacco al problema di aggiornamento del calcio di un club australiano ad un certo calcio europeo che va per la maggiore, è risultato nel tracollo generale di una squadra che pur in periodo di vacche magre non aveva mai fatto figure così barbine! È stata una de curtisiana «gran confusione» a determinare la debacle di quella pur valida compagine. Una gran confusione che il più sprovveduto dei tecnici europei, non determinerebbe mai nel manipolo di giocatori a lui affidati, per quanto poco possa essere il tempo a sua disposizione per plasmare la squadra secondo i suoi piani tattici.

Quindi, Australia, basta con il pressappochismo e basta con le pretese da cervelloni del calcio. Perchè qui, non ne esistono. Si cerchi altrove. Sarà meglio per il futuro del soccer.

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Kao po nekom pravilu Ampol Kup u Melburnu je osvajao skoro uvek tim, koji je najteže dolazio do finala. Ove godine se Hellas provukao kroz iglene uši, ali je zato u finalu pokazao formu i igru dovoljnu da pregazi J.U.S.T.-a i osveti se za poraz na početku noćnog turnira. Ko se poslednji smeje najsladje se smeje.

Iako nijedan neuspeh nije prijatan JUST je ovaj poraz primio sportski i muški. Uostalom PLAVI nisu se predavali, uvek su bili pripremni da izmene tok utakmice u svoju korist, ali ih je u presudnim trenucima izdavala sportska sreća, da bi ih na kraju izdala i snaga. Pobedio je iskusniji protivnik u završnici na šampionski način. Na ovaj način Hellas se odužio i brojnoj grčkoj zajednici u Melbūrnu, koja je sutra dan na veličanstven način proslavila Nacionalni dan bogatim kulturnim programom, koji je preko satelita gledala cela Grčka.

Kao što smo spomenuli u JUST-ovom taboru poraz je primljen sportski. Trener Cirković je lakonski izjavio: „Bolji tim je pobedio!"

NESPORTSKA PUBLIKA

Ali Ćirković je hteo da kaže nekoliko reči više o jednoj drugoj pojavi, koju on kao sportista nikako ne može da razume.

–Fudbal je ovde počeo da napreduje zahvaljujući naporima klubova, ali publika zaustavlja nesvesno ovaj progres. Iznenadilo me je nesportsko ponašanje jednog dela makedonske publike, koja je dolazila da navija protiv JUST-a i kada Makedonija nije igrala. Nije samo u pitanju navijanje, već i fizički ispadi koji su mogli da dovedu do povrede igrača.

U JUST-u su odrasli i razvili se u odlične

ci, pored ostalih nacionalnosti. U sportu nije najvažnija nacionalnost već naprotiv bratstvo i prijateljstvo. Takav duh sam zatekao u JUST-u i on je osnova kluba koji treniram.

Uvek kad ne igra JUST, a igra Makedonija, moji igrači, ja i publika navijali smo za Makedoniju, šsto je za mene sasvim logično. Zbog čega nam se vraća suprotnom merom nije mi jasno, ali mi je jako žao. Mi ćemo se i dalje truditi da Makedoniju smatrati svojim drugim klubom u Melburnu.

IZDALI SU MLADI

Najbolji igrači JUST-a, a možda i cele finalne utakmice Hellas –JUST bio je Branko Buljević. I on je prihvatio poraz sportski, iako smatra da je moglo biti obrnuto.

– Čini mi se da je sučeva greška u 84. minuti bila presudna. Izveo sam slobodan udarac, ustvari lobovao Kennedy-a. On je s teškom mukom malo skrenuo loptu, koja je završila u korner. Dok smo se objašnjavali sa sucem, Hellas je izvršio protunapad koji je rezultirao punim pogotkom u našu mrežu. To je bio konac.

Drugi udarac za nas bio Palinkaš, koji je igrao ozlijedjen. Pored toga prilika da se pobjedi u finalu bila je težak teret za naše mlade igrače. Nisu se nikako snašli u svečanoj finalnoj atmosferi. Nedostajao nam je još jedan iskusan igrač najmanje. Možda bi bilo bolje da je Frank Micić igrao cijelu utakmicu.

OSTALI REZULTATI

U industrijskoj ligi TARAX je zbog kazne Tomislava Stankovića i bolesti Vere Mladenovića nastupio samo sa 10 igrača na prvoj prvenstvenoj utakmici, koju je izgubio sa 0:2. Sastav Taraxa: S. Kazi 6, Kolarić 5, Ranković 7, Spasojevic 5, G. Kostromin 5, V. Kostromin 6, Duždević 4, Adamović 7, Rusmir 7, Subotin 5.

Tarax će biti još više oslabljen iduće nedelje, jer Milenko Rusmir odlazi u Carlton Soccer Club za trenera i igrača.

Croatia iz Kanade je završila uspešno turneju po Australiji. Zadnja četiri dana je odigrala 3 utakmice i postigla sledeće rezultate: Croatia – rep. Queensland-a 2:2, Croatia–rep. A.C.T. 2:0, Croatia–komb. Adelaide 3:1.

U Wodongi je jugoslovenski nogometni klub DIAMONDS osvojio Noćni Kup za Wodongu i Albury. Diamonds je u polufinalu pobedio Albury City sa 4:2, a u finalu Rangers-a sa 4:1.

Sastav Diamondsa: B. Kitić 7, J. Nogaro 6, M. Frank 7, G. Lakoj 7, V. Pantelić 6, B. Smythe 5 (E. Zitić 6), H. Mitarar 5, (M. Rainer 6), T. Devlon 6, D. Stuhli 8, M. Pantelić 8, I. Angeleski 7.

Strelci: Darko Stuhli 2, T. Devlon i M. Pantelić.

Drugo kolo druge lige u Pertu: Makedonija–Gosnells 3:0, Alemania–Galeb 3:2, Cracovia–Swan Athletic 2:1, Subiaco City–Swan Valley 2:2.

Derbi jugoslovenskih klubova druge lige u Sidneju: AVALA–JUGAL 1:0.

REZULTATI IZ JUGOSLAVIJE

PARTIZAN – vardar 1:0
Strelac: Grubješić.

ŽELJEZNIČAR – RADNIČKI (K) 3:0
Strelac: Šerbo 3.

RADNICKI (N) – CELIK
Strelac: Mitošević

RIJEKA – HAJDUK
Strelci: Jerković za Hajduk i Čohar iz 11 m.

DINAMO – SLOBODA 2:1
Strelci: Vabec i Geca 1

BUDUĆNOST – BEOGRAD 2:1
Strelci: Radonjić i Štefanić za Bud., Jovašević za Beograd.

OLIMPIJA – SARAJEVO 1:3
Strelci: Duhović 2 i Simić za Sar., Prosen za Olimpiju.

C. ZVEZDA – BORAC 2:1
Strelci: [illegible]

VELEŽ – VOJVODINA 2:2
Strelci: Halilhodžić i Vladić za Velež Jurković i Ličinar za Voj.

Tabela posle 23. kola: C.Zvezda 35, Partizan 34, Hajduk 31, Dinamo 30 Velež 25, Vojvodina 24, Čelik 23, Olimpija 22, Borac 22, Budućnost 22, Sarajevo 21, Željezničar 19, Radnički (N) 19, Beograd 19, Sloboda 18, Rijeka 18, Vardar 16, Radnički (K) 16.

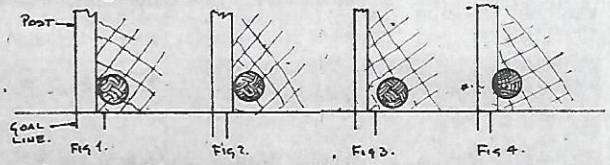
LISTA STRELACA: Vabec (D) 14 golova, Halilhodžić (V) 12, Bjeković (P), 11, Stamenković, Filipović i Savić (CZ), Ibrahimbegović (B), Jurišić (O), Geco (Sl.), po 9.

Savezni kapiten nogometne reprezentacije Jugoslavije Ante Mladinić je odlučio da u širi sastav pozove i Danila Popivodu, koji igra za Eintracht iz Braunschweiga. Pošto Popivoda može dobiti odsustvo svega 35 dana neće igrati prijateljsku utakmicu Jugoslavija – Madjarska u Banjaluci 17. 4. 76., ali Iako može nastupiti protivu Velsa 24.4.76. u Zagrebu. Popivoda je u odličnoj formi.

Laws of the game

with former referee ENDRE KOREN

The answer to our last question: I should point out one thing before I give you the answer. A goal is scored, when the whole ball passes over the goal-line.



In figures one and three the goal line is wider than the depth of the goal post. In figures two and four it is the other way around.

With these illustrations, I want to point out the importance of the evenness of goal-line width and goal-post depth.

Figure one is not a good goal. The ball did not pass over the goal line completely.

Figures two, three, four are goals, because they passed the goal line.

But! If we have a linesman and this situation happens, I am sure that he would flag goal for figure one and would not flag for figure four because he would judge by the goal-post not the goal line.

There are four areas which we have to add to the field to complete markings.

The goal area: the purposes of the goal area are as followings:

a, the goal keeper cannot be charged inside the goal area.

b, the ball should be placed inside the goal-area for the goal-kick.

The penalty area: The purposes of the penalty area are:

a, the goalkeeper is allowed to touch the ball by hand inside his own penalty area.

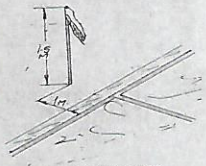
b, if a defender commits one of the nine penalty offences against an attacker, he shall be penalised by a penalty kick.

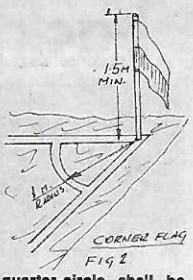
A suitable mark shall be made within each penalty area. This shall be the penalty kick mark.

From each penalty spot an arc should be drawn indicating the distance the players should be away from the ball before the ball is kicked with the penalty kick.

The law states that: "A flag on a post, not less than 1.5 metres high from the ground, and having a non-pointed top, shall be placed at each corner of the field, a similar flag on post may be placed opposite the half-way line on each side of the field of play, not less than one metre outside the touch line."

The corner area: At each corner of the field a quarter-circle shall be drawn, inside the field of play. From within this area the corner kick should be taken.





I illustrate the above mentioned areas, to make the field of play completely marked.

You can cut out this picture from the paper, take it along to your field and see whether your ground is up to the requirement of the law.

I am sure that you may find points to correct and I am sure that the Ref. will appreciate the correctly marked ground.

There are points of importance regarding the markings and posts.

A correctly drawn arc from the penalty spot is very rare. It is so important to have the players 9.15 metres away from the penalty spot.

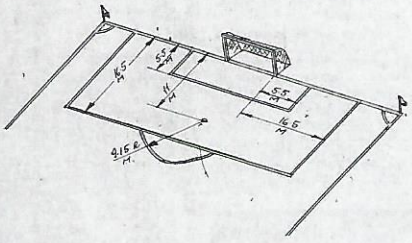
The corner area is a quarter-circle, not a triangle or inflated ellipse.

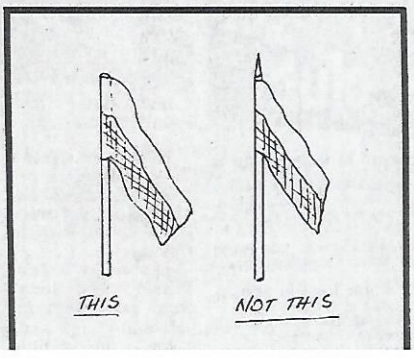
The corner-flag posts: To make the posts shorter than 1.5 metres is dangerous. The law does not state — unfortunately — what the thickness of the posts should be, but for heaven's sake, make it not less than 2" thick, because if a player runs into it, the player will be injured.

This week's question!

During the game, the cross bar is broken and falls down.

How should the game continue?





MORELAND

Moreland finished its pre season training programme with a confidence boosting 2-1 win over State League club Polonia on Saturday.

And the side's reserve XI scored a runaway 3-1 victory to give the club a ton of enthusiasm to start the season on Saturday.

But the senior match finished on a bad note for Moreland.

Its captain, and star centre half Chris Kelly, was carried from the ground with a back injury.

Officials will not know until later today the extent of the injury, but it's expected Kelly will miss the opening match.

Kelly had scored Moreland's first goal.

The club's second was kicked by Gerry Ferreter, after he had combined brilliantly with his brother Ian.

Moreland starts the season against Newport at Newport, and following the club's upset wins last week it's extremely confident of

Country and Western band, the Hawking Brothers (right), will be the star attraction at a big barn dance on Thursday April 15.

The barn dance and barbecue has been organised by the "Age" soccer club and will be held on a private property at Diggers Rest.

Cost for a ticket is $10 a head or $15 a double with children under 15 being admitted free of charge.

Further information can be obtained by phoning Eric Clarke or Al Richards on 60 0421 ext. 2314 after 5 p.m.

PETER SWEENEY looks at the Victorian Metropolitan and Provisional Leagues.

RODERICK WILL MISS FOUR

Doveton's Brian Roderick has been outed for four weeks.

The star midfielder, and former **Liverpool** player, will miss the start of the Metropolitan season.

Roderick was sent off the ground during a Cumberland Cup knockout final against Frankston last Saturday week.

Up until the 89th minute — when he was ordered from the field after clashing with **Bill Buchanan** — he was by far the best man on the ground.

Roderick faced the Disciplinary committee last Wednesday night.

He was runner up in the fourth division Metropolitan League best and fairest award in his first year with Doveton in 1973.

ROVER DALY

Doncaster Rovers has appointed veteran player Harry Daly as club coach.

Daly, about 40, retired as a player at the end of last season.

He was made caretaker coach when **Joe Deguara** was sacked in mid March.

Doncaster Rovers committee met last Wednesday night and decided on **Daly** ahead of three other applicants.

Because of his appointment as coach Daly was forced to resign as a committee member of the club.

Doncaster Rovers — promoted to third division at the end of last season — has performed creditably in pre season clashes.

It beat **Clayton** 2-1 and drew 3-3 with second division side **Dandenong.**

Doncaster will field 18 junior and four senior sides this season, making it one of the biggest clubs in the State.

The club is wanting to hear from men interested in coaching or managing junior sides.

COACHES

The Springvale City Club is still looking for coaches ... even at this late stage of the season.

Coaching positions for the third XI and the under 16 side have not been accepted.

Interested persons can telephone the club's secretary on 546 2195 for further information.

BAD BREAKS

Young Coburg player Peter Korilis has started the season on a sad note.

Korilis, 16, one of the club's most promising players, broke his leg at training recently.

Late last season he broke an ankle.

Korilis will be on the sidelines for months.

GEELONG

Soccer has hit the big time in the Geelong area.

The Geelong club has beaten Ballarat and Chelsea and was narrowly downed 3-2 by first division side Western Suburbs.

The team will be basically the same side as last year.

Two of last year's under 16 players, **Peter Matulich** and **Andrew McKim,** are showing brilliant form on the training track, and big things are expected from the pair.

The Corio club has adopted a youth policy.

Officials have made it clear that the side's younger members will be blooded this year, in order to build up a formidable side for future seasons.

Third division Bell Park started well by downing first division side Albion Rovers, and then added Werribee to its growing list of victims.

The club then drew with neighbouring Geelong 2-2.

Provisional League side **Hamlyn Rangers** is set for a prosperous year.

The side had its new clubrooms recently opened.

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PANTHERS

Metropolitan club Prahran City has a new crest for the 1976 season.

The crest will be seen on player's shirts, game programmes and car stickers.

Prahran City — known as the Panthers — was founded in 1908.

Prahran is the host club of the annual Como Cup, and it has won the tournament three years in the Cup's nine year history.

PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

★ Μία Ἑβραϊκή παροιμία λέει: «Ἀκόμη καὶ ἡ σκόνη ποὺ θ' ἀφήσουν τὰ παπούτσια τοῦ πελάτη στὸ μαγαζί, εἶναι κέρδος»

Φαίνεται δὲ ὅτι ἡ Χακόα πιστεύει στὴν ἴδια αὐτὴ παροιμία, ἀλλοιῶς δὲν ἐξηγεῖται ἡ ἀστραπιαία «πρόσλυψη - ἀπόλυση», τοῦ διακεκριμένου προπονητῆ κ. Μανώλη Πουλακάκη.

Ὁ συμπαθὴς προπονητὴς μόλις πρόλαβε νὰ ἀφήση τὴν σκόνη τῶν παπουτσιῶν του ὅτ' ἀποδυτήρια τῆς ὁμάδος τῆς ὁποίας ἀνέλαβε τὴν ὑπόλοιπη (!) προπόνηση ..... ἀπολύθηκε!

Τώρα τί εἶδους κέρδος ἤλπιζε νὰ ἔχη ἡ Χακόα μόνο ἀπὸ μισὴ προπόνηση δὲν μπορῶ νὰ ξέρω!

Αὐτὸ ποὺ ξέρω ὅμως εἶναι ὅτι ἂν μέχρι τυπωθοῦν αὐτὲς οἱ γραμμὲς ἡ Χακόα δὲν ἔχει ζητήσει συγνώμη δημοσία, θὰ πρέπει νὰ πράξη ἀνάλογα διότι εἶναι ἀνάρμοστο γιὰ τὴν ποδοσφαιρικὴ οἰκογένεια νὰ ἐμπαίζεται ἕνας προπονητὴς τοῦ κύρους τοῦ κ. Πουλακάκη καὶ μάλιστα ἀπὸ σύλλογο στὸν ὁποῖο κατὰ τὸ παρελθὸν προσέφερε τὶς ὑπηρεσίες του μὲ ἐπιτυχία!

★

Τὰ ποδόσφαιρο τῆς Βικτωρίας θὰ μποροῦσε νὰ ἱκανοποιήση καὶ τοὺς πιὸ ἀπαιτητικοὺς, ὅσον ἀφορᾶ τὸν ἀριθμὸ ἀγώνων! Ἄμπολ Κάπ, Πρωτάθλημα, Ντόκερτυ Κάπ Λήγκ Κάπ καὶ τώρα Ἰντερστεητ Κάπ, σχεδὸν πλησιάζουν νὰ καλύψουν ὁλόκληρο τὸν χρόνο! Τέτοιες ..... πολυτέλειες δὲν τὶς ἔχουν οὔτε καὶ οἱ φίλαθλοι στὴν πατρίδα! Βλέπετε σημασία γιὰ τὴν Ὁμοσπονδία ἔχουν οἱ εἰσπράξεις καὶ ὄχι ἡ σωματικὴ καὶ πνευματικὴ ἐξυθένωσις τῶν ποδοσφαιριστῶν!!

Τελειώνει τὸ Ἄμπολ Κάπ! Ἴσως ὅταν διαβάσετε αὐτὴ τὴν ἔκδοση τῆς στήλης νὰ ἔχη ἤδη διεξαχθῆ ὁ τελικὸς καὶ νὰ ἔχετε χειροκροτήσει τὴν Κυπελλοῦχο!

Οἱ προπονητὲς τῶν ὁμάδων ἔχουν δυάλει τὰ συμπεράσματά τους σχετικὰ μὲ τὴν δυναμικότητα τοῦ ὑλικοῦ ποὺ διαθέτουν καὶ ἔχουν πάρει μία ἰδέα σχετικὰ μὲ τὴν δυναμικότητα τῶν μελλοντικῶν ἀντιπάλων τους στὸ πρωτάθλημα!

Ρίχνοντας μιὰ ματιὰ στὶς 12 ὁμάδες ποὺ ἔχουν λάβει μέρος στὸ Κύπελλο καὶ προσπαθώντας νὰ ξεχωρίσουμε αὐτὲς ποὺ πρόκειται νὰ πρωταγωνιστήσουν στὸ φετεινὸ πρωτάθλημα, παρατηροῦμε ὅτι κατὰ ..... σατανικὴ (!!) σύμπτωση εἶναι σχεδὸν ἴδιες ποὺ ξεχωρίσαμε καὶ πέρυσι μὲ μόνη ἐξαίρεση τὸ δυναμικὸ Σάνσαην, ποὺ θὰ ἀπειλήση σοβαρὰ τοὺς μεγάλους στὸ ἐφετεινὸ πρωτάθλημα. Καμμία σημαντικὴ βελτίωση στὴν Τζάστ ἢ στὴν Χακόα, ἴσως στὴν Γιουβέντους μὲ τὴν ἀπόκτηση τοῦ Κόκκινου καὶ οἱ ὑπόλοιπες παρουσιάζονται στὴν ἴδια σύνθεση ποὺ ἦταν καὶ πέρυσι! Φυσικὰ ἐξαιροῦμε τὶς δικές μας ὁμάδες «Μέγας» καὶ «Ἕλλας» ἔχοντας ὑπ' ὄψιν ὅτι εἶναι μόνιμες ὑποψήφιες γιὰ τὸν τίτλο!

Ὅσο γιὰ τὴν νεοφώτιστη Πρέστον παρὰ τὴν ἀπόκτηση τοῦ γκολκῆπερ Λοῦμετς, δὲν ἔδειξε παρὰ ἕνα ἀπογοητευτικὸ σύνολο!

Ἔτσι γιὰ μιὰ ἀκόμη φορά, οἱ ἴδιες ὁμάδες, ἡ ἴδια σχεδὸν δυναμικότητα καὶ γιατὶ ὄχι; τὰ ἴδια ἀποτελέσματα! Καὶ γιὰ μιὰ ἀκόμη φορὰ ἡ ἀνάγκη τῆς δημιουργίας τῆς Ἐθνικῆς Κατηγορίας γίνεται ὅλο καὶ πιὸ ἐπιτακτική!! Δὲν νομίζετε;

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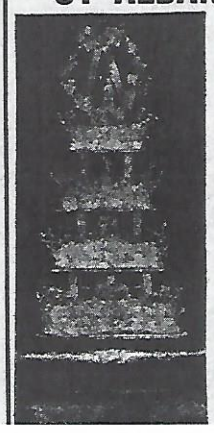

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UKRAINCZYK MAY TAKE VICS TO SOUTH AMERICA

The world's No. 1 soccer promoter, Juliusz Ukrainczyk, said in Melbourne last week he was certain he could arrange a tour to Indonesia or South America for the Victorian State team.

By STEPHEN KALUS

He told VSF officials in Melbourne, that he could arrange tours of Australia by the Polish, Hungarian and Russian national teams and by a top Spanish club side.

Mr. Ukrainczyk is head of the international soccer promotions company Organisatiions Sportives, of Paris.

A penniless Polish refugee after the war, he started arranging games for Poland.

He promoted Legia's tour of Israel and acted as sole agent for the Polish Football Association (PZPN).

Much sooner than he had expected, his soccer promotion activity became very popular in soccer circles all over the world, for the main assets of young Juliusz were his Honesty, Accuracy and Great love of the game.

As more and more countries began seeking Ukrainczyk's services, he established Organisations Sportives at 33 Rue De Champ de Mars in Paris and it became the busiest sport centre in Europe.

The golden touch of Juliusz Ukrainczyk and his luck in arranging most successful tournaments were a blow to other well established promotion firms, which soon disappeared.

After a well organised tournament in England, the London "Daily Express" claimed that Ukrainczyk had become the uncrowned king of soccer promoters.

He was the first among many European and American Sport promoters who made a million in a matter of a few years.

In 1964 his telephone bill was one of the highest of any business establishment in France.

The famous yearly "Mohammed Cup" in Casablanca which was started 12 years ago by the father of King Hussan, is organised by Organisations Sportives and teams like Ujpest, Dynamo, Kiev and Estudiantes together with the champion of Morocco, take part.

Juliusz is looked after during this period by the King's brother, Muzai Abdara.

The soccer federations of Hungary, France, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania, the Soviet Union and many others are in the books of Organisations Sportives. Also, the world top teams are seeking the services of Ukrainczyk.

The average number of games arranged by Organisations Sportives is 250 a year and often Juliusz has to reject some lucratives offers because he likes to personally look after every match or tournament he is arranging.

Ukrainczyk admitted that his tours are not always profitable. Last year he undertook a tour by the Hungarian national team and lost a packet, but the Hungarian federation was paid in full.

His first contact with Australia was made through the present Melbourne Hakoah president, **Mr. Henry Greenfield**, who met Ukrainczyk in Paris in 1966 while on an overseas holiday.

Juliusz, who was my prewar colleague at the newspaper **Przeglad Sportowy**", found out from Mr. Greenfield that I was active as a writer in Melbourne and immediately offered me the agency for Australia of Organisation Sportives.

After exchanging several letters with the ASF in Sydney and personal talks with the former ASF president, **Mr. Bayutti**, I succeeded in arranging a meeting in the Grosvenor Hotel in London between Ukrainczyk, Bayutti and the former president of the Polish Federation, **Colonel Fijalek.**

It was arranged that Ukrainczyk undertake a tour to Australia by the Polish national team at the beginning of 1967.

In further correspondence with the former secretary of the ASF, **Mr. McAndrew**, I found out that the ASF would contact Organisations Sportive, but in the meantime Ukrainczyk arranged other tours for the Polish team.

It took Ukrainczyk 10 years to establish his soccer promotion firm in Australia and last December he decided to visit me in Melbourne to finalise negotiations with the ASF.

In the last minute he had to postpone his visit to Australia but last week he finally slipped into Melbourne with his wife Claudette.

He watched the second half of the JUST-Sunshine game and the full match between Hellas and Alexander.

The players who impressed him most were **Jack Reilly, Peter Ollerton and Duncan Cummings.**

When asked by **"Soccer Action"** whether, as had been reported, there was a chance for the Victorian team to tour Europe, Juliusz said: I don't think that a Victorian or even an Australian team would be an attraction for European countries, but I am here to establish my contacts and I am certain that I will be able to arrange tours to Indonesia or South America.

"I hope to finalise for the month of August a tour by a top European team."

"I am willing also to promote tours to Australia of the Russian national team, Poland and most probably Hungary."

"The negotiations are also on the way to bring to Australia a top Spanish team next year."

"I am glad that after 10 years of negotiatons, Organisations Sportives has established itself in Australia and I can assure soccer followers in this country that in the very near future they will be able to watch the cream of European teams."

Before leaving Melbourne for Sydney Mr. Ukrainczyk, together with his charming wife Claudette, asked **"Soccer Action** to convey on their behalf thanks to representatives of the VSF for their hospitality.

He thanked Theo Marmaras, Tony Kovacs and Michael Weinsteinin particular.

Juliusz Ukrainczyk, head of Organisations Sportives the worlds No. 1 soccer promoter.

Mr. Ukrainczyk and his wife Claudette with writer Stephen Kalus (right) and his wife Joan (left).

'EXCITING'

The VSF tours organiser, Mr. Mike Weinstein, said this week he would neither confirm nor deny speculation about tours which may be organised by Mr. Ukrainczyk.

However, Mr. Weinstein said there could be some "exciting news" within 60 days.

He said Mr. Ukrainczyk's visit to Australia had nothing to do with the VSF or ASF.

Mr. Ukrainczyk came to Melbourne at Mr. Weinstein's personal invitation. Mr. Weinstein has often been hosted by Mr. Ukraiczyk in Paris.

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Hakoah signs Fraser, gets back Baker

David Baker pictured with Hellas striker Peter Ollerton (left).

Hakoah has signed a 24-year-old winger from Scotland and has champion defender David Baker back in training.

The winger is **John Fraser**, who spent three years with St. Johnstone.

He is only a little fellow — 5 ft. 6 ins. — but he has a lot of skill and speed and he can beat a man.

Baker, who said two weeks ago he was looking for a transfer has been training with Hakoah under coach **Sandy Henderson** and played in a practice match against St. Albans last week.

German player wants club

Another German player is looking for a club in Australia.

He is **Werner Schumann**, 27, a winger with Second Division Berlin club TUS Maccabi, which is set for promotion to the First Divison.

Another player from Berlin, **Uli Pfisterer**, who was in West Germany's 1972 Olympic squad, joined State League club Juventus on Monday.

Schumann plays alongside striker **Reinhard Hollman** who had a year with Keilor Austria in 1972.

Hollmann and Pfisterer played together for Berlin club Hertha 03 which has toured Australia four times.

Any clubs interested in Schumann should contact **"Soccer Action"**.